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WANTED.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

HORTICULTURAL PUPILS.

THERE are two vacancies for Horticultural Pupils in the Ganeshkhind Botanical Gardens, Kirkee. Pupils must have a good knowledge of English. Quarters and tuition free. Course lasts one year, commencing from 15th May, 1918. For particulars apply to the Undersigned.

S. L. AJREKAR,
Ag. Economic Botanist to Govt.
Ganeshkhind Gardens,
Kirkee, 20th April, 1918. 3902

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARTNERSHIP heretofore subsisting between the undersigned Nusserwanji Nowroji Antia, Jehangir Nowroji Antia and Framroze Merwanji Khambatta carrying on business as Aerated Water Manufacturers at Prag Mahal, Dhobi Talao, without the Fort, under the style and firm of Messrs. PALLONJI HIRJI & SONS has been DISSOLVED as from the 1st day of February, 1918, SO FAR AS CONCERNS the undersigned Framroze Merwanji Khambatta, who has RETIRED from the said firm.

Dated this 11th day of April, 1918.

NUSSERWANJI NOWROJI ANTIA,
JEHANGIR NOWROJI ANTIA,
FRAMROZE MERWANJI KHAMBATTA.
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NOTICE

NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS' COMMERCIAL EXAMINATIONS.

CHANGE OF TIME-TABLE.

CANDIDATES at both the Bombay Centres, viz. Davar's College of Commerce and the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy College of Commerce, are requested to note that the time for holding the examination in Book-keeping at the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy College of Commerce, which was fixed at 7-30 to 10-30 a.m., has now been changed to 2 to 5 p.m. (S.T.) on Thursday, the 25th April 1918.

S. R. DAVAR,
P. D. PAVRI,
3891 Principals.

NOTICE.

LIST SHOWING THE MACHINERY AND BUILDINGS OF THE GINNING FACTORY OF MESSRS. T. M. SWAMY SONS AND CO., OF BELLARY.

1. Double Roller Gins (in good working order) 8.
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3. Decorticating Machines (in good working order) 5.
4. Oil Mills (in good working order) 5.
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DIMENSIONS OF THE BUILDINGS.

1. GIN ROOM:—67' x 24' x 15'.
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   2 doors of 7' x 5½' each.
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   1 door of 6½' x 4'.
   1 door of 7' x 3½'.
   1 window of 4½' x 3'.
   2 ventilators of 3' x 2' each.
3. ENGINE ROOM:—29' x 16' x 12'.
   2 doors of 7' x 3½' each.
   1 door of 6½' x 5½'.
   2 windows of 4' x 3½' each.
   1 window of 4½' x 3'.
4. OIL MILLS:—78' x 14' x 11'.
   3 doors of 7' x 4' each.
   1 window of 4½' x 3'.
   4 ventilators of 3' x 2' each.
5. GODOWNS 3 in number:—32' x 30' x 20' each.

The properties abovementioned will be sold by auction on Sunday the 28th instant at the Factory premises at Bellary. They are also open to offer before the said date.

(a) The properties will be sold to the highest bidder or to the person whose offer is accepted.
(b) The sale is free of all incumbrances and with a marketable title.
(c) 25 per cent. of the consideration amount is to be deposited at once and the balance within 7 days after the date of deposit. If no deposit is made or if the balance of the price money be not paid within the time allowed the properties will be sold at the risk of the purchaser who will not be entitled to any excess of the sale proceeds.
(d) The purchaser should bear all the stamp duty, registration fees and other incidental charges.

NOTE:—The properties are open to inspection till the date of the sale.

T. M. SWAMY SONS & CO.,
Proprietors.
K. VENCATA RAO,
Auctioneer.
15-4-18. 3883

PUBLIC NOTICES.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

AN ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING of the Corporation will be held in the Municipal Office on Thursday, the 2nd May 1918, at 3 p.m. (Bombay Time), for the consideration of the following business:—

1. Letter from the Hon'ble Sir Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Kt., C.I.E.—Thanking the Corporation for their Resolution appreciating his services.
2. Memorandum from the Commissioner—Forwarding a notification regarding the election of Mr. Hoosenally Mahomedbhoy Rahimtoola to be a Councillor.
3. Bombay Improvement Trust Memoranda—Forwarding excerpts from the Trustees' proceedings.

Schools Committee's Letters—

4. Forwarding excerpts from the Committee's proceedings.
5. Forwarding Budget estimate of the School Fund for 1918-19.
6. Letter from Messrs. Shivram Trimbak Thakur and H. S. Katrak—Reporting that they have respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of Municipal Auditor.
7. Letter from Mr. H. S. Katrak, Municipal Auditor—Requesting the Corporation to obtain the sanction of the Government of India to his re-employment as Municipal Auditor.
8. Letter from Mr. S. K. Parelkar—Regarding dust nuisance at Fergusson Road.
9. Letter from Mr. Luxmidas Maneklal Mehta—Suggesting methods for obtaining a purer supply of water from the Tansa Lake.
10. Letter from Mr. Anantram Vaikuntram—Regarding insufficient supply of water at a building in Sankli Street.
11. Letter from Mr. M. T. Dewasthalee and others—Regarding the condition of roads in Zaoba's oart.
12. Letter from Mr. Usman Latiff and others—Objecting to the erection of a sawmill at "Mustafa Bazar" near the corner of Grant Road.
13. Letter from Mr. Kooverji Dinsha Desai—Inviting attention to the condition of certain lanes at Dhobi Talao and other matters.
14. Letter from Mr. Mukund Putalaji—Regarding the payment of compensation in respect of the privy at his premises on Lady Jamsetji Road, acquired by the Municipality.

Resolutions of the Standing Committee—

15. Forwarding, for information, a letter from the Commissioner in which he reports that the Railway Board have decided that the surtax charged by the G. I. P. Railway on the refuse trains should not be levied and that the amount already collected in respect of it should be refunded.
16. Forwarding a letter from the Schools Committee regarding the appointment of a *locum tenens* during the absence on leave of Mr. D. G. Padhye, Secretary, Schools Committee.
17. Recommending that in reply to their letter, regarding accumulation of water, etc., near house No. 156, Modi Street, Mr. Liladhar Lakhmichand and others be informed to the effect of the Commissioner's report.
18. Recommending sanction to the scale of fees for testing sluice valves and C. I. pipes being revised as proposed by the Commissioner.
19. Recommending that a letter from Mr. Govind Amrut Vaidya, Founder and Manager of the Natural Health Propagating Institute, Amreli, regarding the treatment of persons suffering from plague and other diseases according to the natural science of health, be *recorded*.
20. Recommending an advance of Rs. 6,500 for purchasing a stone-breaking machine.
21. Approving, subject to the Corporation's sanction, of the contract entered into with Messrs. Khimji Kheraj and Co., for the supply of labour carts and bullocks, etc., being varied so as to admit of payment to them at certain increased rates.
22. Forwarding, for information, their Resolution sanctioning a variation in the staff of the Markets and Slaughter Houses Out-door Establishment.
23. Forwarding, for information, their Resolution sanctioning a variation in the schedule of the telephone attendants in the Hydraulic Engineer's Department.
24. Recommending an advance of Rs. 17,300 to meet the payment of war, local and grain compensation allowances to the Municipal Workshops Staff.
25. Recommending a grant of Rs. 9,000 to supplement the Budget provision for temporary labour for infectious diseases.
26. Recommending a grant of Rs. 2,000 for erecting temporary wards in the compound of the Arthur Road Hospital.
27. Recommending that a letter from Mr. S. L. Lopez, regarding the question of controlling building operations on the west of Cadell Road, be recorded.
28. Recommending that a letter from the Chairman, Residents' Association, Kurla, regarding the rate charged by the Kurla Municipality for the supply of water to the residents of Kurla, be recorded.

Letters from the Commissioner—

29. Requesting sanction to a proposal for improving the junction of Queen's Road with Church Gate Street.
30. Regarding a notice from the Special Collector for the acquisition of certain portions of the Old Chore Gully.
31. Requesting sanction to a plot of land at Valpakhadi being acquired for the erection of a school building and for the provision of a play-ground for children.
32. Furnishing certain particulars regarding kutchra depots in the City.

Notices of motions—

33. From Dr. K. E. Dadachanji—For appointing Mr. J. A. D. McBain, C.I.E., to be a member of the Committee regarding the filing up of the low-lying area between the Hornby Vellard and the Race Course.
34. From Dr. K. E. Dadachanji—For appointing the President to be a member of certain Committees.
35-36. From Dr. Dinsha Bamanji Pestanji Master—For obtaining reports (35) regarding the question of converting the Byculla flats into a recreation ground and (36) regarding the removal of the Null Bazar kutchra depot and the conversion of its site into a play-ground for children.
37. From Dr. Jehangir J. Cursetji—For appointing Dr. S. S. Batliwala and Dr. Moreshwar C. Javlekto be members of the Committee regarding the question of the amendment of the Indian Railways Act.
38. From Dr. Nadirshaw H. E. Sukhia—For obtaining a report as to the feasibility of amending the Municipal Act so as to afford some relief to property-holders in the City in view of various Municipal requirements for improvements, etc.
39. From Dr. K. E. Dadachanji—For expressing opinion that the election of the President should be by ballot and for appointing a Committee to draft rules for the conduct of the election.

Letters from the Commissioner—

40. Forwarding Analytical and Bacteriological Reports on the Bombay Water Supplies.
41. Forwarding a statement showing the quantity of water brought into the City.
42. Forwarding a return of unwholesome food-stuff destroyed by the Markets Department.
43. Forwarding returns of patients treated at the Arthur Road and the Maratha Hospitals.
44. Forwarding statements of public roads metalled and repaired and new roads built and acquired.
45. Submitting a report as to the nuisance caused by milch-cows in house gullies round about Surat Street.
46. Forwarding an extract from the Administration Report of the Victoria and Albert Museum, relative to the improvements made in the Museum during the time Mr. Cecil L. Burns was its Curator and Secretary.
47. Forwarding for the orders of the Corporation a letter from the Kurla Municipality applying for the purchase of the Inspectors' quarters at Kurla.
48. Forwarding, for information, Government Order regarding the question of employing only competent contractors to carry out the work of electric installations in the City.
49—51. Letters from the Municipal Secretary (49)—Requesting permission to serve on the Committee appointed by Government to consider and formulate proposals for the prevention of beggary; (50) Submitting a statement of Budget transfers sanctioned by the Standing Committee and (51) Submitting a statement of Outstanding Committees of the Corporation.

Reports of Committees of the Corporation—

52. Regarding measures for dealing with the question of beggar nuisance in the City.
53. Regarding an alteration proposed by the Improvement Trust in the Parel Road (Central) Street Scheme.
54. Regarding the question of the amendment of the Indian Railways Act.

By order of the President,
R. P. MASANI,
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 23rd April 1918.

SALE OF WASTE.

SEALED TENDERS for the purchase of ready stock of Waste of the Sholapur Mill must be delivered with the deposit money to the undersigned not later than 4 p.m. (S. T.) on THURSDAY next, the 25th April, 1918. Two more varieties have since been added to the list.

MORARJEE GOCULDAS & Co.,
Agents,
The Sholapur Spg. and Wvg. Co., Ltd.
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NOTICE.

AN energetic young Hindu of a very respectable family, knowing English, having good experience of Import business of Japan, Europe and America (also of Cinema film line) willing to proceed to Japan or America. High references and influence. Apply to Box No. 145. Advt. Dept., "Bombay Chronicle." 3880

NOTICE.

THE SIR SHAPURJI BROACHA MILLS, LIMITED.

Canada Building,
Hornby Road, Fort,
Bombay, 22nd March, 1918.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held on WEDNESDAY, 24th April 1918 at 4 p.m. (S.T.) at the Registered Office of the Company, "Canada Building" Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, for the purpose of transacting the following business:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the duly audited Profit and Loss Account for the half year ending 31st December 1917, and Balance Sheet as at that date of the Company.
(2) To sanction the declaration of a Dividend.
(3) To appoint Directors in place of those who retire by rotation but are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.
(4) To appoint Auditors for the Current year and to fix their remuneration, and
(5) To transact such other business as may be brought forward by the Chairman.

NOTICE is also given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 16th to 29th April, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MATHRADAS GOCULDAS & Co.,
Agents.

N.B.—The Dividend when declared will be made payable at the Registered Office of the Company on and after Monday the 29th April 1918 to those shareholders whose names stand on the Register on the 16th day of April 1918, to whom Dividend Receipts will be posted.

Change of address, if any, should be notified at once. 3332

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE.

KASHMIR and MURREE VISITORS are supplied with reliable Motor Cars specially licensed by the Government and Kashmir State at Government rates. Write to:—THE AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE AGENCY, Rawalpindi. 3914

NOTICE.

SHARE TRANSFER, FOREIGN BILL & NON-JUDICIAL STAMPS are sold by me at my shop House No. 199-203, Kalbadevi Road, opposite Shrimant Dabholker's wadi.

D. V. KOTHARI,
3939 Licensed Stamp Vendor.

THE SABAPATHY PRESS FACTORY AT RAICHUR.

THE undermentioned properties will be sold by AUCTION by the undersigned on SUNDAY, the 28th instant, from 8 a.m. at the Head Office of the Sabapathy Press Co., Ltd., at Bellary. They are also open to offer before the said date. The sale is subject to the approval of Shareholders at their Extraordinary General Meeting to be held after the undersigned accepts the bid.

PARTICULARS OF THE SABAPATHY PRESS MACHINERY, BUILDINGS, ETC., AT RAICHUR.

1. BOILER 20' x 6'—Galloways Limited, Manchester of 85 lbs.
2. ENGINE 12" x 36" stroke. A & W. Smith & Co. with 8 pumps—makers Glasgow.
3. HALF-PRESS, & FINISHER. Nasmyth Wilson, the Half-Press Box is of 12'.
4. Donkey Pump.
5. Press Compound and Walls—203 x 50 Yards
6. Two Godowns each measuring 98' x 25' —Mud-roof.
7. Press-House 116' x 57' Pakka Roof.
8. Engineer's quarters 68' x 21' Mud-roof.
9. Office Room 36' x 24' Mud-roof.
10. Clerks Rooms 44' x 25' Mud-roof.

K. VENKATA RAO.
Chairman of the Board of Directors.
15th April, 1918. 3882

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai VAJIRBAI, widow of KADERBHAI MOOSAJI, JAFFERJI KADERBHAI and SULLEMANJI KADERBHAI, the latter a minor by his mother the said Vajirbai, widow of Kaderbhai Moosaji, have contracted to sell the undermentioned properties to our client. All persons therefore having any claim in or to the said properties or any part thereof, by way of inheritance, bequest, gift, sale, mortgage, lease, lien or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office 113, Esplanade Road, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claims and all such claims, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

FIRSTLY:—All that piece of land situate near Sankli Street on the Central Agripada Estate of the Board in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay, which piece of land has been computed to contain a total area of 38 square yards or thereabouts and which is bounded on the North by plot No. 32 of the said estate, on the East by property of Vajirbai, widow of Kaderbhai Moosaji and Sullemanji Kaderbhai, on the South and on the West by plot No. 25 of the said estate and which said piece of land is known as plot No. 33 of the said estate and which said piece of land is assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 3533 part and assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under E Ward No. 4067 part and Street No. 254 part.

SECONDLY:—All that piece or parcel of Perpetual Leasehold land or ground together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate without the Fort of Bombay at Byculla fronting on the western side of Ripon Road, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 341 5/9 square yards or thereabouts and registered with the other adjoining land in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 198 and assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under E Ward No. 4023 (1), 4020 (1), and Street Nos. 210 and 207 and bounded as follows, that is to say, on the East by the Ripon Road aforesaid, on the West by the vacant ground belonging to David Sassoon, on the North by the property of Balloo Miya Pathan and on the South by the property of Narnddin Jeewakhan.

Dated this 20th day of April, 1918.

ARDESIR HORMASJI DINSHAW & Co.,
Attorneys for the Purchaser.
3923

NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. JEHANGIR BAMANJI COOPER, the proving Executor of the last Will and Testament of the late BAMANJI BHIKHAJI COOPER, has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. All persons having any claims against the said property by way of mortgage, sale, inheritance, gift, lien, lease or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at 95, Ash Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claims and the same, if any, will be considered to have been waived.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuage, tenement or bungalow erected thereon and known as "Mount Villa," situate at Mowzay Lanowlee, Taluka Mawal, in the Registration Sub-District of Mawal, being part of Old Survey Nos. 83, 84 and 86 and New Survey Nos. 114, 115, 116 and 118, containing by admeasurement one acre and ten gunthas or thereabouts and bounded on or towards the North by premises recently belonging to Peter Geering but now to the Trustees of the Young Women's Christian Association and forming portion of property known as "Mountain View," on or towards the South by the road leading to the Sakar Pathar Main Road, on or towards the East by a private road leading to the stream of water and on or towards the West by the said premises known as "Mountain View," belonging to the said Young Women's Christian Association with full right and liberty at all times of drawing and using the water from the well (including the right of using the Wind Mill standing over the well), situate in the piece or parcel of land or ground to the North of the property now sold and belonging to the said Young Women's Christian Association and also with liberty to make use of and take water from the storage tanks situate on the eastern boundary of the said premises known as "Mountain View," belonging to the said Young Women's Christian Association.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1918.

SHAMRAO MINOCHEHER & HIRALAL,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai Goolbanoo, wife of Rustomji Nusserwanji Vachhaghandhy, Rustomji Nusserwanji Vachhaghandhy and Jamshedji Nusserwanji Vachhaghandhy, the Trustees of an Indenture of Settlement dated the 24th day of October, 1892, and made between the said Goolbanoo Rustomji Nusserwanji Vachhaghandhy (then a spinster and therein called Goolbanoo Edalji Parukh) of the one part and Hormusji Edalji Parukh, Jehangir Edalji Parukh and Goolbanoo Edalji Parukh (now the said Goolbanoo wife of Rustomji Nusserwanji Vachhaghandhy) of the other part all of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned properties to our clients. Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said properties by way of sale, mortgage, trust, lien, possession, gift, inheritance, lease or otherwise howsoever, is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office, Gresham Buildings, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, and to the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

FIRSTLY:—All that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax land or ground now redeemed containing by admeasurement 91 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. 683, New No. A/3125, Old Survey No. 17, New Survey No. 2/8390, together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under C Ward No. 2678, Street No. 33 and which said premises are situate at Fourth Marine Street, Dhobhi Talao, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the East by a sweeper's passage, on or towards the West by the property secondly described, on or towards the North by a sweeper's passage and on or towards the South by the said Fourth Marine Street, and are now in the occupation of the tenants of the Vendors.

SECONDLY:—All that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax land or ground now redeemed containing by admeasurement 99 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. 683, Collector's New No. 3125, Old Survey No. 17 and New Survey No 2/8390 together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, assessed by the Municipality of Bombay, under C Ward No. 2679 and Street No. 35 and which said premises are situate at Fourth Marine Street Dhobi Talao in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the East by the property firstly described, on or towards the West partly by an open piece of land and the house of Motibai, wife of Dr. Hiraji Edalji and partly by the property of Karimji Alibhai, on or towards the North by a sweeper's passage and the property of Kavimji Alibhai and on or towards the South by the said Fourth Marine Street, and are now in occupation of the tenants of the vendors.

Dated this 23rd day of April 1918.

MULLA & MULLA,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
3931

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. TYUB HAJI ISMAIL, of Bombay Khoja Mahomedan Inhabitant, has contracted to sell to our client, JANMAHOMED HAJI ABDULLA MIYA KHANDWANI, the undermentioned property. Any person or persons having or making any claim against the said property by way of sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, exchange, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lien or otherwise howsoever, is or are requested to make the same known in writing to us at our office at No. 9, Bell Lane, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground situate, lying and being at Palli Hill Road Bunder, in the District of Thana, Registration Sub-District of Bandra, containing by admeasurement 19 gunthas or thereabouts bearing Serial Numbers and other particulars as follows:—

New Serial No.	Old Serial No.	Survey No.	Pot No.	Area Acre.	Area Gun.	Assessment Rs. as. ps.
190	57	19	2, 3, 5,	0	9	2 11 0
190	58	20	3, 19, 21, 23	0	10	2 6 3
			Total ..	0	19	

which all premises are bounded on or towards the East by the said Palli Hill Road, on or towards the West by a piece of land set apart for as a means of access to the interior plots and beyond that partly by the property bearing Survey No. 20 and Pot No. 5 (part) and partly by the property bearing Survey No. 20 and Pot No. 9 (part) belonging to the late Hirjibhoy Rustomji Baxter and devised by him to Framji Hirjibhoy Baxter and Sorabji Hirjibhoy Baxter respectively and on or towards the North by the property bearing Survey No. 19, Pot No. 1 and Survey No. 20, Pot No. 2 (part) belonging to the said Hirjibhoy Rustomji Baxter and devised by him to Rustomji Hirjibhoy Baxter and on or towards the South by the property of I. D. Silva all which said premises were formerly in the occupation of the said Hirjibhoy Rustomji Baxter and since his death in the possession of the executors.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 1918.

MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM & MADAN,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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OFFERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT POONA.

ON behalf of our clients Mr. VENKANNA ELAPPA BALARAM and Dr. GOVIND BHAU PRABHAKER, Executors and Trustees of the last Will and Testament of the late RAO BAHADUR ELAPPA BALARAM, deceased, offers are invited for the purchase of the very valuable property described in the schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground containing by admeasurement 8750 square yards or thereabouts with the messuages tenements and Bungalow bearing No. 1 and all other the hereditaments standing thereon situate, lying and being at Cross Road, Wanowrie Poona, within the cantonment of Poona and bounded on or towards the North by a Public Road, on or towards the South by vacant ground, on or towards the East by a Public Road and on or towards the West by a Bungalow.

For further particulars and inspection of the property please apply to the undersigned at their Office No. 31, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 4th day of April, 1918.

PANDIA & Co.,
Solicitors for the Executors and Trustees of the Late Rao Bahadur Elappa Balaram deceased.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NAWAB SYED ZAHURUL HASSAN KHAN and NAWAB SYED NAJMUL HASSAN KHAN, of Lucknow and Bombay Mahomedan inhabitants, have contracted to sell the property hereunder described to my clients.

All persons having any claim to or against the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, mortgage, charge, gift, trust, inheritance, lease, lien, easement or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at his office No. 44, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

All that piece or parcel of Government Foras freehold land or ground with the messuages, tenements or dwelling house standing thereon, situate on the North side of Falkland Road in the Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement one thousand and twelve square yards and one-half of another square yard or thereabouts (out of which one hundred and eight square yards are taken up in and form part of the passage on the west side thereof) and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 546, New No. 14698, Old Survey No. 4, New Survey Nos. 5/5541 and 5A/5541 and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the East partly by the property of Gulamali Karim, partly by the property of Shesker, partly by the property of Abdul Rehman and partly by the property of Dhanjibhai Kharshedji, on or towards the West by the said passage aforesaid, on or towards the North by the property of Khatri Kisson Mohanji and on or towards the South by the said Falkland Road and which messuages or tenements are assessed by the Municipality under D Ward Nos. 2227, 2228 and 2229 and Street Nos. 2, 3, 255 to 265.

Dated the 23rd day of April, 1918.

FARDUNJI P. PAVRI,
Purchasers' Attorney.
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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. ABDUL KARIM ALIMAHOMED, HAWABAI, daughter of ALIMAHOMED ESMAIL and wife of HAJI ESMAIL HAJI MOOSA and MAHOMED ALIMAHOMED, having contracted for the absolute sale of the undermentioned property to our client, all persons having any claim on the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, gift, sale, lien, lease or otherwise, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office No. 48, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claims (if any), and they shall be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land of Quit and Ground Rent Tenure together with the messuage, tenements or dwelling house standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Cawasji Patel Street, Fort, in the Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 127 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 310, New No. 5233, Old Survey No. 348 and New Survey No. 9076 and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under A Ward No. 1465 and Street No. 97 and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the North by the Parsi Nashakhana, on or towards the South by the property of Cooverji Ookerji Mistry, on or towards the East by the property of Chhaganlal Maganlal Javeri and on or towards the West by the said Cawasji Patel Street.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 1918.

UNWALLA PEEROZSHAW & PAPA,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
3930

NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our client HAJI ABDUL RAZAK HAJI HAROON has contracted to purchase the undermentioned property from Bai JAINABAI, wife of Mr. MUSABHAI HASSUMBHOY VISRAM, who had purchased the same at an auction sale held on the 8th day of August, 1917, from Bai Bachibai, widow and Executrix of the late Hassumbhoy Visram. All persons having any claims against the said property by way of mortgage, sale, inheritance, gift, lien, lease or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office, 95, Ash Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claims and the same, if any, will be considered to have been waived.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground partly of the Pension and Tax and partly of the Quit and Ground Rent Tenure admeasuring 257 square yards or thereabouts being part of land registered by the Collector of Bombay under Collector's Old Nos. 1016, 1047, 1013 and 618, Collector's New Nos. 6743, 6747 and 2870, Old Survey Nos. 277, 278, 281 and and 189 and New Survey Nos. 1/2867 and 2/2867, with the messuage, tenements and buildings standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Israel Mohalla, without the Fort, in the Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under B Ward Nos. 1758 and 1759, Street Nos. 4-6 and 7 and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the North by the property formerly belonging to the Trust Estate of the late Hassambhai Visram and now sold to Bachibai, widow of Hassambhai Visram, on or towards the South by the property of Ismailbhai Virji, on or towards the East partly by the property formerly belonging to the Trust Estate of the said Hassambhai Visram and now sold to Abdulla Haji Mowji and partly by a passage and beyond that by the property of Bachibai, widow of Hassambhai Visram, and on or towards the West partly by the property formerly belonging to the Trust Estate of the said Hassambhai Visram but now sold to Fatmabai, widow of Bundeali Shivji and partly by the property of Ismailbhai Virji.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 1918.

SHAMRAO MINOCHEHER & HIRALAL,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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AUCTION SALE OF ABOUT 705 REAMS RED BROWN AND MOTTLED GREY PAPER.

THIS DAY WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of April, 1918, at 3-30 p.m., (S. T.), Messrs. J. S. MODY and Co., Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, next to the Post Office in Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, by order of Messrs. Upper India Couper Paper Mills, Ltd., of Lucknow, and on account and at the risk of the defaulting purchasers, Messrs. K. Abdeally Jariwalla and Co. of Parsee Gully, Bombay.

700 reams Red Brown Paper 34 lbs. 24in. by 36in.

4 reams and 8 qrs. Mottled Grey Paper 20 lbs. 22in. by 29in.

1 ream and 15 qrs. Mottled Grey Paper 24 lbs. 22in. by 29in.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale and the balance will have to be paid and goods cleared within 8 days from Messrs. Cox and Co.'s godown at Carnac Bunder where the same are open for inspection of the intending buyers.

AUCTION SALE ON THURSDAY 25TH APRIL, 1918 AT 2-30 P.M. (S.T.)

On THURSDAY, the 25th day of April, 1918, at 2-30 p.m., (S.T.), Messrs. J. S. MODY & Co., are instructed to sell by public auction at "Vilar Villa," Apollo Bunder, Fort, (behind the Taj Mahal Hotel) very valuable made to order household furniture comprising dining table, chairs, handsome sideboard, dinner and dumbwaiters, meatsafes, rich glassware, crockeryware, rich platedware, refrigerator ice chest, marble top tables, fancy teapoys, tapestry upholstered drawing room suite, chesterfield sofas, easy chairs, handsome cabinets, corner cabinets, sweet toned cottage piano, brass table ornaments, brass vases, old China jars, China screen, rich oil pictures, carved blackwood furniture, iron safe, single and double bedsteads, office tables, roll top office table, almyrahs, clothes and gown presses dressing and wash-hand tables, glass door bookcases, sofas, rich carpets, door curtains, copper utensils etc., etc.

The property of T. T. Wright Esq. Deputy Auditor B. B. and C. I. Railway and others.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

AUCTION SALE OF 59 "FORD" MOTOR CAR BODIES, OLD OUTER COVERS AND OLD INNER TUBES.

By order of the Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport (Embarkation) Bombay Messrs. J. S. MODY & Co., Auctioneers will sell by public auction on MONDAY the 29th day of April, 1918, at 3 p.m. (S.T.), in the Yard of Bombay Arsenal behind the Town Hall, Fort.

41 3/4 Body 4 Seater Ford Car Bodies.
2 3/4 Body 2 Seater Ford Car Bodies.
12 Full Body 4 Seater Ford Car Bodies.
4 Full Body 2 Seater Ford Car Bodies.
Old outer covers 3 tons 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.
Old inner tubes " tons 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

The above will be put up for sale in small convenient lots to suit the requirements of purchasers, and are open for inspections of the intending buyers.

Cash will be required on the lots being knocked down.

AUCTION SALE OF 100 FULL PRESSED AND 42 LOOSE BALES OF REELING HARD WASTE.

Messrs. J. S. MODY & Co., Auctioneers, will on Tuesday the 30th day of April, 1918, at 3-30 p.m. (S. T.), sell by Public Auction by order of Messrs. Devi Dass and Sons in their godown at Temker Street, new Nagnada and on account and at the risk of the defaulting purchaser Lala Munalal of Cawnpore.

100 Full Pressed Bales Reeling Hard Waste
42 Loose Bales Reeling Hard Waste.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale and the balance will have to be paid and goods taken delivery of within 3 days from the date of sale.

J. S MODY & Co.,
Auctioneers
Bombay, 24th April, 1918.

GANDHI & CO

AUCTIONEERS & COMMISSION AGENTS
No. 52 Medows Street.

SALE TO-DAY AT 1 P.H. (S.T.).

AUCTION SALE OF 25 BALES COTTON YARN.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 24th April, 1918, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. GANDHI & Co., will sell by public auction at the open ground opposite Sheth Manilal Vithaldas at Trambakanta by order of Messrs. Surana Dalal & Co., and on account and at the risk of the defaulting purchaser Mr. Sakarabhai Motilal.

S. 203 D. 25 bales cotton yarn, 42 double grey Ex. s.s. "Taiyan Maru."

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale. The above bales are lying in warehouse D Victoria Docks.

SALE TO-DAY AT 4-30 P.M. (S.T.).

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY SITUATE AT HUZERIA STREET WITHOUT THE FORT.

Under instructions from Messrs. Motichand and Devidas, attorneys for Messrs. Parka Nathoo and Co. mortgagees, and on account and at the risk of Gafoorkhan Ebrahimkhan Sonday, Enooskhan Ebrahimkhan Sonday, Abdullakhan Ebrahimkhan Sonday, Abaskhan Ebrahimkhan Sonday, Rabia Bibi widow of Ebrahimkhan Kasamkhan Sonday, Khatizabai wife of Ebrahimkhan Potrick, Oosmankhan Ebrahimkhan Sonday and the heirs of the deceased Mahomedkhan Ebrahimkhan Sonday and of Ebrahimkhan Kasamkhan Sonday, mortgagors in pursuance of the power of sale contained in the Indenture of mortgage and further charge dated 8th July, 1909, and 7th July 1916, respectively made between the said mortgagors of the one part and the said mortgagees of the other part, Messrs. GANDHI & Co., Auctioneers will put up the undermentioned property for sale THIS DAY WEDNESDAY, the 24th April, 1918, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), on the premises.

SCHEDULE.

All that piece or parcel of quit and ground rent land or ground together with the messuage tenements or dwelling house standing thereon situate lying and being at Hoozria Street without the Fort of Bombay and in the Registration Sub-Pistrict of Bombay and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under E Ward No. 187 and street No. 55-57 and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 1286 New No. 8452, Old Survey No. 2387 and New Survey No. 3843 and containing by admeasurement eighty square yards or thereabouts and bounded on the East by a sweeper's passage, on the West by the said Hoozria Street on the North by the property of Abdulla Bin Mohibulla and on the South by the property of Fakir Mahomed Bin Hafiz Suleman.

For further particulars and condition of sale apply to Messrs. Motichand and Devidas Attorneys for the mortgagees at their office No. 121, Medows Street, Fort, or to the undersigned.

GANDHI & Co.,
Auctioneers.
Bombay, 24th April, 1918.

SALE BY AUCTION.

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY AT MUSJID BUNDER ROAD.

By order of Messrs. Motilal Bechardas Vossonji Naronji and Dwarkadas Kalliandas the Trustees of the charitable properties of the deceased Bai Kabal, widow of Lakmidas Gordhandas and pursuant to directions contained in the scheme confirmed by the High Court of Bombay, by Decree, dated the 7th day of February, 1918, in Suit No. 1403 of 1915, wherein the Advocate-General of Bombay, was plaintiff and Motilal Bechardas was defendant, Messrs. BENNETT and Co., Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction, on the premises at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of April, 1918, the undermentioned property:—

All that piece or parcel of Fazendari land or ground which after deducting the area of 57 square yards taken by the Municipality for set-back contains by admeasurement eighty-nine square yards or thereabouts situate, lying and being on the South side of Musjid Bunder Road, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under B Ward Nos. 812 and 812, and Street Nos. 71-73 and 75-79 and bounded as follows:—On or towards the East by the property hereinafter secondly described, on or towards the West by a sweeper's passage, on or towards the North by the said Musjid Bunder Road, and on or towards the South by the property of Ruttonbai, widow of Ghella Nundram.

For particulars and conditions of sale, application may be made to Messrs. Smetham Byrne and Co., Solicitors, High Court, Bombay, at their Office at No. 18, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay, or to the said Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALE OF WOODEN CASES.

Under instructions from B. A. Yahya Esq the Receiver appointed on the 15th day of January 1918, (in suit No. 1380 of 1917. Abdul Majid Abdul Aziz v. B. A. Yahya and another) Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will TOMORROW THURSDAY, the 25th instant, at 3-30 p.m. (S. T.) sell by Public Auction, in the godown of the Akhbar Manufacturing and Press Co., Ltd., at Carnac Bunder:—

About 1550 wooden double cases.
About 492 wooden single cases.

On account and at the risk of Haji Mahomed Amin.

About 1741 wooden single cases.

A deposit of 50 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

AUCTION SALE OF IMITATION NEWS PRINTING PAPERS.

On SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at 3-30 p.m., (S.T.), Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, by order of the Bank concerned and on account and at the risk of the concerned:—

S 3021 C. Bombay made in Norway Nos. 438/464, 331/354.

383/400 equal to 78 bales Imitation News Printing Paper.

428 reams, 20x30" minus 26 lbs equal to 11128 lbs.

239½ reams, 27x40" minus 46 lbs equal to 11011 lbs.

325½ reams, 22½x35" minus 34 lbs equal to 11067 lbs.

A deposit of 50 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

On SATURDAY, the 27th instant at 3-30 p.m. (S. T.) Messrs. BENNETT and Co will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods etc.

On account of the concerned.

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1 very elegant palanquin office shigram, very light in first rate order.

1 second hand rubber tyred vis-a-vis, in good order.

1 second hand rubber tyred victoria in good order.

1 Bay horse, aged, quiet in harness.

On SUNDAY, the 28th April, 1918, at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the junction of Dadar, Main Road and Vincent Road, opposite the Convent and near the tram line, very valuable and handsome teak and blackwood household furniture, rich glass, crockery and platedware, dining tables, arm and without arm chairs, sideboards and dumbwaiters, rich mirror back cabinets, table ornaments, China and Japanese vases, one handsome sweet tone small size square piano by Schied Mayer Sohon and Stutgart, bentwood piano stool, music stands, glass door book cases, single and double bedsteads, mirror almyrahs, dressing and wash-hand tables, cloth and gown presses, bird cages with canaries, one gent's and lady's bicycles, stoves, China matting, rich garden tubs and pots with palms, etc., etc. The property of a European gentleman, going home.

Catalogues will be published and the property is on view.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE BUILDING PLOTS, Chinch Bunder Road, Nowroji Hill Estate.

Under instructions from the Bombay, Improvement Trust, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st proximo, sell by Public Auction, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), on Plot No. 14, the following very valuable building Plots for a term of 999 years.

LOT NO. 1.—Very valuable building site known as Plot No. 14, Nowroji Hill Estate containing 614 square yards and having a frontage of 65 feet on Chinch Bunder Road.

LOT NO. 2.—Very valuable building Plot known as Plot No. 15, Nowrojee Hill Estate, containing 567 square yards and having a frontage of 60 feet on Chinch Bunder Road.

For further particulars and conditions of sale and plan of the sites application may be made to the Board's Land Manager, Esplanade Road, Fort, or to the Undersigned.

BENNETT & Co.,
Bombay, 24th April, 1918.

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AUCTION SALE of 100 Bales Machine Gin, Fully Good, Bengal Cotton.

Messrs. MENESSE and Co., will sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY WEDNESDAY, the 24th April, 1918, at 4 p.m. (S.T.) at Colaba in Godown No. 21, Second Pasta Lane, by order of Mr. Devekerun Ramkoover and on account and at the risk of Mr. Teeratdas Lonidaram:—

100 F. P. Bales Machine Gin Fully Good Bengal Cotton.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required on the lots being knocked down.

AUCTION SALE of 62 Bags Soda Ash (Sodium Carbonate.)

Messrs. MENESSE and Co., will sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY, the 25th April, 1918, at 3 p.m., at their Rooms, by order of the concerned, and on account and at the risk of Mr. Munji Khatau, the following goods damaged by rain water:—

52 by 2 cwts. bags Soda Ash 58 per cent. (Heavy) Crescent Brand.

10 by 1 cwt. bags, Special Soda Ash, Crescent Brand.

A deposit of 50 per cent. will be required on the lots being knocked down.

MENESSE & CO.,
Auctioneers.
Bombay, 24th April, 1918.

SALE BY AUCTION.

MESSRS. MEHTA & CO

Auctioneers to the Government and G. I. P. Railway.
No. 25, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.
Telephone No. 1285.

AUCTION SALE OF 3 BALES JAPANESE GREY SHIRTINGS.

THIS DAY WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant at 3 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. MEHTA and Co will sell by Public Auction by order of Seth Narandas Rugnathdas at his shop at Sunder Chowk Mulji Jetha Market and on account and at the risk of Seth Narotam Motichand.

3 bales each 50 pieces Japanese Grey Shirtings No. 99199, 45 inches and 38 yards.

AUCTION SALE OF 10 CASES WHITE SHIRTINGS.

On SATURDAY, the 27th instant at 4 p.m., (S.T.), Messrs. MEHTA & Co., will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms No. 25 Medows Street Fort, by order of the concerned.

8 cases each about 50 pieces White Shirtings No. 3601/3603 or others and 40 yards.

2 cases each about 50 pieces White Shirtings No. G1 or others and 40 yards.

AUCTION SALE OF 6 BALES WHITE NENSOOKHS.

On SATURDAY, the 27th instant at 4 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. MEHTA & Co., will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms No. 25 Medows Street Fort, by order of the concerned and on account and at the risk of Seth Bhagwandas Gordhandas.

6 bales each about 150 pieces White Nensookhs No. 734 to 934 or others and 18 yards.

AUCTION SALE OF 6 BALES COLOURED CHAYAL (GANAN.)

On TUESDAY, the 30th instant at 3 p.m., (S.T.), Messrs. MEHTA & Co., will sell by Public Auction by order of Messrs. Runchordas Mathuradas & Co., at his shop at the corner of Dadar Gully Mulji Jetha Market and on account and at the risk of the defaulting purchaser Sha Rajchand Nanchand.

6 bales each 200 pairs coloured Chayal Ganan 9 yards. No. 128.

SALE ON FRIDAY THE 26TH INSTANT AT 2-30 P.M., (S.T.),

Auction sale of very rich made-to-order latest designed artistic household and office furniture by welknown makers such as dining table dining chairs, sideboard, tapestry upholstered chasterfield easychairs, silk tapestry lined, drawing room, complete suites of sofas and chairs, rich drawing room cabinets, marble tables substantial made-to-order single and double beds, selected single and double almyrahs, rich chinal glass, office tables, dressing chests of drawers blackwood Indian hand carved wardrobe, carved tables and jardineers, marble statues, sofas etc., etc.

On FRIDAY, the 26th instant at 2-30 p.m., (S. T.), Messrs. MEHTA & Co, will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms No. 25 Medows Street Fort, the very valuable made-to-order latest designed artistic household and office furniture by well-known makers such as dining table, dining chairs, artistic sideboard, tapestry, upholstered chesterfield easychair, silk tapestry lined, drawing room, complete suites of sofas and chairs, rich drawing room cabinets, marble tables, office tables, substantial made-to-order single and double beds, selected bed room, single and double almyrahs, rich Chinal glass, dressing chests of drawers, marble top dressing and washing tables, cloth and gown presses, hat stands, teapoys, blackwood Indian hand carved wardrobe, blackwood hand carved octagon and round tables, jardineers, marble statues, safes etc., etc.

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Bombay, 24th April, 1918.

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THE WEATHER.

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SIMLA, April 23.

Conditions remain disturbed in the extreme north-east of India and south of the Peninsula Rain has been local in Kashmir, north-west Frontier Province and Mysore. There have been few falls in Lower Burma, Assam and Bengal. The chief amounts are:—Burdwan one and a half inches, Murree, Srinagar a half, Parachiner three quarters, Mysore one and a half.

Forecast:—Diminution of rain in extreme north and some extension in Deccan.

TEMPERATURE IN BOMBAY.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 22nd April 1918.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected to 52 deg Fahr.....	29.807 Inches
Temperature of Air	83.6 Deg.
Wet Bulb Thermometer	77.5 "
Dew Point	75.5 "
Relative humidity of Air	0.783 "
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky cloudy—10)	1.0 "
Maximum temperature of Air	88.1 "
Minimum do.	77.0 "
General direction of Wind from midnight to midnight	WNW,SSW,W NNW.
Movement of Wind from midnight to midnight	125 Miles

SUN, MOON AND TIDES AT BOMBAY.

The following are the hours and height of the tides in Bombay Harbour during the ensuing week. Hour stated in Bombay Mean Time depth of water is at Prince's Dock:—

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	HIGH WATER. Bombay Mean time.		Depth on Still.		Day of Month.	LOW WATER. Bombay Mean time.		Depth on Still.	
	Apl.	h.	m.	ft.	in.	Apl.	h.	m.	ft.	in.
Tues.	23	m 9	57	25	10	23	m 3	33	17	9
		9	55a	25	11		3	40a	19	8
Wed.	24	m 10	30	26	7	24	m 4	0	17	2
		10	23a	26	3		4	15a	1	71
Thur	25	m 11	3	27	3	25	m 4	28	16	4
		10	52a	26	6		4	50a	18	6
Fri.	26	m 11	36	27	9	26	m 4	57	15	10
		11	22a	26	8		5	26a	18	5
Sat.	27	m 0	9a	28	1	27	m 5	27	15	6
		11	53a	26	8		6	2a	18	6
Sun.	28	m 0	43a	28	2	28	m 5	58	15	5
							6	34a	18	9
Mon.	29	m 0	26	26	6	29	m 6	30	15	6
		1	1a	27	11		7	14a	19	2

The following are the hours of sunrise and sunset, according to Indian Standard Time, during the ensuing week:—

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
April 23 (Tuesday)	6h. 16m.	6h. 58m.
" 24 (Wednesday)	6h. 16m.	6h. 58m.
" 25 (Thursday)	6h. 15m.	6h. 59m.
" 26 (Friday)	6h. 14m.	6h. 59m.
" 27 (Saturday)	6h. 14m.	6h. 59m.
" 28 (Sunday)	6h. 13m.	7h. 0m.
" 29 (Monday)	6h. 12m.	7h. 0m.

Phases of the Moon:—

		d.	h.	m.	
Last Quarter	April 1918.	4	7	3-1	p.m.
New Moon	"	11	10	4-3	a.m.
First Quarter	"	18	9	37-7	a.m.
Full Moon	"	26	1	35-4	p.m.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Tuesday, the 23rd April 1918, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

The Punjab.—Skies are moderately clouded in the west Punjab and are practically clear in the east. Humidity is above normal except in the east Punjab. Day temperature is below normal in the area of cloudy skies. Night temperature is in excess at Lahore and Ambala.

The United Provinces.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. Day temperature is in excess at Mainpuri and night temperature in defect at Jhansi.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. Day temperature is in defect at Karachi; night temperature is locally above the average in Rajputana.

Gujarat, Kathiawar, and Central India West.—Skies are lightly or moderately clouded. Humidity is in defect at a few stations. Night temperature is in excess at Indore.

The Central Provinces.—Skies are clear or only lightly clouded. Humidity is below normal generally.

The Konkan.—Skies are lightly clouded in the north and heavily clouded in the south.

The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. Humidity continues below normal except in north Hyderabad.

General Remarks.—Conditions are still slightly unsettled along the north-west frontier. Thunderstorms have occurred in Malabar but the associated rainfall has been insignificant.

Isolated thunderstorms are likely in the Peninsula.

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LOCAL ENGAGEMENT.

Mails for E. A. Ex. Force, Seychelles, Lamu, Mombasa, Ibo, Chindi, Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar, Tanga, Quilimane, Mozambique, Beira and L. Marquis will be closed at the General Post Office at 7-30 p.m. Correspondence for Natal, Cape Colony and other places in South Africa will also be forwarded.

Anthropological Society of Bombay, Ordinary Monthly Meeting, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Municipal Standing Committee Meeting, 4-10 p.m.

Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd., Ordinary General Meeting, Tamarind Lane, 3 p.m.

Sir Shapurji Broacha Mills, Ltd., Ordinary General Meeting, Canada Building, Hornby Road, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 26.

Bombay Millowners' Association, Annual General Meeting, Graham's Building, 4 p.m.

University Examination Results: Intermediate in Commerce, B. Com., Intermediate M. B. B. S., Intermediate in Science, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, April 29.

Lord Willingdon lays foundation-stone of New Seamen's Institute, Nicoll Road, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 2.

University Examination Results: Preliminary Scientic and B.Sc. Examinations, 12-30 p.m.

Empire of India Life Assurance Co., Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, Elphinstone Circle, 2-30 p.m.

AMUSEMENTS.

TO-NIGHT.

Clarke's Cirque, at Dhobi Talao, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.

Royal Opera House, Cinema at 6-45 and 10 p.m.

Excelsior Theatre: The Bandman Opera Co. at 9-30 and Cinema at 6-30.

Palace of Varieties: Gaiety Theatre 6-30 and 10 p.m. "Huge Vaudevilles."

Empire Cinema: 6-30, 8-15 and 10 p.m.

Majestic Cinema: Girgaum, near Tram Terminus, 7-0, 8-30 and 10-30.

West End Cinema: Charni Road, 5-30, 7-0, 8-45 and 10-15.

Imperial Cinema: Lamington Road, 7-0, 8-45 and 10-30

New Alahmbra Cinema: Sandhurst Road, 7-0, 8-45 and 10-30 (S. T.).

Anglo-American Cinema: Sandhurst Road, 7-0, 8-30 and 10-30.

New Alexandra Cinema: Lohar Chawl, Princess Street.

Eldorado Cinema: Lamington Road, 7-0, 8-45

BAND AT THE BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

By kind permission of Colonel T. W. Bonner V.D., and Officers, the Band of the 13th G. I. P. Rly. Bn. will play a programme of music, under the direction of Mr. Hugh B. Mitchell, Bandmaster, to-day commencing at 6-15 p.m.

BAND AT ESPLANADE BANDSTAND.

By kind permission of the Officers, the Band of the 1/17th B. B. and C. I. Railway Battalion (I.D.F.), will play this evening a programme of music, under the direction of Mr. W. S. Walcott, at the Esplanade Bandstand from 6 to 8 p.m. (S. T.).

ISRAELITE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the members of the Bene Israel Community will be held at the Israelite School Hall on Sunday at 5-30 p.m. to express the community's sense of grief at the loss of Mr. J. N. Fraser, the President of the Israelite School since the year 1909.

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF BOMBAY.

The following candidates have passed the M.C.P. & S. examinations of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay held in the current month:—Final M.C.P. & S.—Ramrao Annappa Kale and Ramchandra Vyankatesh Mone. Final M.C.P.S. (Part I.)—Anant Bhujang Sardehpande. First M.C.P.S.—Chhotabhai Khushaldas Patel and Mahomed Husain Udaipurwala.

MORTALITY IN BOMBAY

Eight attacks and seven deaths from plague and ten attacks and eight deaths from smallpox occurred in Bombay on Monday, the plague cases being reported as follows: Maratha Hospital two deaths, Sion, Khara Talao, Market, Mandvi and Fort (North), one attack and one death each; Walkeshwar, Bhuleshwar Dhobi Talao, one attack each. There were no cases of cholera. The total morality from all causes was 128, as compared with 113 of the corresponding day of 1917 and 95 of 1916.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF BOMBAY

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Society will be held in the rooms of the B. B. Royal Asiatic Society, Town Hall, to-day at 6 p.m. (S. T.). The following papers will be read:—"Further notes on a case of human sacrifice and cannibalism from the district of Nadiya, Bengal," by Mr. Sarat Chandra Mitra; "The gaddis of Chamba and Kangra," by Captain H. Wilberforce-Bell; "The bombardment of Paris from a distance of 60 miles supposed to be a mystery. An instance of a somewhat similar mystery in the ancient history of Persia," by Shams-ul-Ulma Dr. Jivanji Jamshedji Modi.

MARATHA AIKYECHHU SABHA.

The annual general meeting of the Maratha Aikyechhu Sabha took place in the Kitte Bhandari Hall on the 21st instant. After the adoption of the annual report and the balance sheet, a managing body for the current year was elected as follows:—Mr. K. R. Korgaonkar, President; Messrs. Tukaram Jawji, A. P. Dongre, K. D. Dhuru, Rao Saheb Manajee Rajooji, Vice-Presidents; Mr. H. V. Rajwadkar, Treasurer; Mr. K. A. Keluskar, Secretary and Messrs. N. S. Varadkar, D. S. Yande, D. K. Dalvi, D. P. Bankar, K. T. Mangaokar, R. J. Avhad, K. B. Lalye, D. M. Rokde, Z. B. Dalvi, R. A. Gole, H. L. Kawji, P. L. Chile, members of the Committee; Messrs. R. K. Dalvi, and S. A. Keluskar Auditors.

STANDARD BAROMETER READING.

The following information is published in order that vessels in the Bombay Harbour may by comparison with a standard instrument ascertain the errors of their barometers:—

The reading of the Standard Barometer in the Colaba Observatory corrected for index error and reduced to 80 deg. F. and to the level of the tide at 8-45 a.m. Standard Time, on the 23rd April, 1918, was 30.041 inches. For temperature corrections applicable to mercurial barometer of ships the reading of the ship's barometer has to be increased or decreased by .013 inch for every 5 degrees according as the temperature of the attached thermometer is respectively below or above 80 deg. F. In case of the aneroid no temperature correction is needed. But for comparison at 80 deg. F. all aneroid readings should be increased by .138 inch. For correcting the ship's barometer either mercurial or aneroid for the height of the barometer cistern above the tide level in the stream at 8-45 a.m., Standard Time, the ship's barometer reading should be increased by .010 inch for every 10 feet of the height to make it comparable with the observatory barometer reading given.

CAR DRIVEN WITHOUT LICENSE.

A FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Dr. W. Nunan, Acting Coroner, concluded at the Corone's Court on Tuesday the adjourned inquest touching the death of Dhondu Genu, a Hindu, aged about forty-five, who was knocked down and injured by a moter car driven by Mrs. L. Simpson at 11 a.m. on the 23rd ultimo on Lansdowne Road. Inspector Sykes led the evidence.

The circumstances under which the fatality occurred, have already been reported.

Pranlal Meghji, chauffeur to Lieutenant Simpson, stated that Mr. Simpson was turning the car down Lansdowne Road, when the deceased ran across the road in front of the car and was knocked down and run over. Witness stopped the car as Mrs. Simpson had got confused.

Lieut. L. C. Simpson stated his wife was driving his car on the day in question. At present she was on the hills, and he produced a medical certificate and said the certificate declared her unfit to travel to Bombay to give evidence.

The jury returned a verdict that the death of the deceased was caused by his having been knocked down and run over by a motor car driven by Mrs. Simpson, who was not possessed of a license to drive motor vehicles. The jury were of opinion that the fatality was accidental as far as Mrs. Simpson was concerned.

LT PARK'S DEATH.

"PROBABLY ACCIDENTAL."

Dr. W. Nunan, Acting Coroner, concluded at the Coroner's Court on Tuesday the adjourned inquest touching the death of Lt. Charles Leitch Park. Inspector Sykes led the evidence.

Dr. P. Fonseca of Walkeshwar Road said the deceased had been under his treatment for two days before his death, for insomnia. He saw him at his house at 7-30 a.m. on Saturday, when the deceased did not appear depressed. On one occasion the deceased had told him that he had had fever in Mesopotamia.

Mr. Percy A. Parish said the deceased lived with him. Some time ago witness and witness' wife left for Panchgani. The deceased was not apparently really ill, though at times he was not quite up to the mark in general health. Witness believed that the deceased occasionally took too much to drink, but while he lived with witness he had practically nothing to drink in the way of alcohol. The deceased did not appear to have any pressing financial embarrassment. On Sunday, witness received a wire informing him of the deceased's death, and he returned to Bombay. The deceased had never complained of being tired of life.

Salu Barrett, a cook in the service of Mr. Parish, deposed to his having seen the deceased lying down in his room at 7-30 p.m. on Saturday. Witness further said the butler informed him at 8 p.m. that the deceased was sleeping. He then heard an alarm and ran downstairs and saw the deceased lying in the compound. There was no-one in the room with the deceased.

The jury returned a verdict of death from injuries received in a fall, probably accidental from the balcony on the first floor of the house.

MILLHAND'S DEATH IN A SCUFFLE.

Dr. W. Nunan, Acting Coroner, concluded at the Coroner's Court on Tuesday the adjourned inquest touching the death of Rahimtulla Khudabux, a Mahomedan mill-hand aged thirty. Inspector Smith led the evidence. Amin Casim, Yakub Habibux Ebrahim Jumman and Lukman Idu, who are alleged to have assaulted the deceased, on Moreland Road on the night of the 15th alleged to have assaulted the deceased, on instant, were present at the enquiry.

Kasim Ramjan, a jobber, said Ebrahim and Lukman had a quarrel about twenty days before the occurrence with a woman named Jainabee, and on Ebrahim slapping the woman, the deceased came and separated them. Ebrahim took exception to this interference on the part of the deceased and threatened him, and the next day in witness' presence Ebrahim and Yakub struck the deceased. On the night in question, witness saw the deceased going to a Bania's house with two others, one of whom was one Abdul Rehman.

Abdul Rehman Jalal said he, the deceased and another person were going along Moreland Road, when the four persons came up. Amin gave a blow to the deceased on the head with a stick, and subsequently all the four began beating the deceased. Witness and one Mahomed Yusuf, who was with him, tried to prevent the assault being committed and they were also struck. A European, residing close by, came down, and the assailants ran away.

The jury returned a verdict of death from fracture of the base of the skull, the result of injuries inflicted in an assault committed on the deceased, in which the four suspected persons were concerned.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE.

NEW PICTURES TO-NIGHT.

An entirely new programme of films will be presented at the Royal Opera House to-night by Mr. E. H. DuCasse. The big film is from the Metro Company, examples of whose work have already been seen. It is a fine act comedy called "The Haunted Pajamas" Mr. Harold Lockwood, a great American favourite, plays the leading part. Readers may have heard that some months ago Rex Beach went on a world tour with a cinematograph man. One of the series of pictures taken then, called "The Spanish Main," is also included in the bill, as well as an excellent comic. The next change of programme will take place on Sunday.

NEW ALEXANDRA.

Only three more days are left for the public to see that great classic "The Eternal City" at the above popular picture palace. It is a complete and masterly picturisation of a great work, every scene is full of life and vitality, and has all the appearance of reality, so much so that we might be reading the novel instead of merely witnessing the silent drama. Another attraction in this week's programme is the Martyrdom of Rheims, the ruin of the noble cathedral, shown on the screen at New Alexandra, which is quite appropriate in face of the latest cables about the Germans steadily pounding to pieces what remains of Rheims, the fairest spot in France. A visit to the New Alexandra this week will be a real joy and a pleasure to the lovers of the silent drama.

PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE AT BIJAPUR.

FIRST WEEK OF MAY.

A bulletin issued by the Reception Committee of the 18th Bombay Provincial Conference which is to meet at Bijapur, states:—

As the President-elect of the Conference is going to attend the Imperial Conference at Delhi on the 27th instant, it is impossible for him to preside over the deliberations of the Conference on the 25th, 26th, and 27th instant. The Reception Committee have, therefore, resolved to postpone the sittings of the Conference and hold them on the 4th, 5th, and 6th May 1918.

As important announcements are expected in the Imperial Conference, this Conference will have an opportunity of expressing their opinion on them. It need not be said that the greater and more representative the assembly, the greater will be the weight of the opinion expressed by it. Hence it is hoped that delegates from all parts of the presidency will muster strong to consider the new situation that would be created by the expected announcements.

As the trains come here at awkward times the secretaries of all the District Congress Committees, and other public bodies are requested to wire, without fail, the exact number of delegates attending the Conference as soon as they leave for Bijapur, so as to facilitate and expedite the preparation of meals and other arrangements here.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INDIAN MUSIC

A meeting of ladies and gentlemen interested in the scheme of the National Academy of Indian Music was held at Bhopal House on the 7th instant, when the following were present, the Hon. Sir Fazulbhoy Currimbhoy presiding:—H. H. the Begum Saheb of Janjira, the Raja Saheb and Ranee Saheb of Jath, Princess Savitribai of Indore, Mrs. Hameed Atya Begum Fyzee Rahamin and Mr. Rahamin, Mr. and Miss Divatia, Messrs. Narotam Morarjee Gokuldas, Jehangeer J. Vimadalal, S. N. Karnad, V. N. Bhatkhande, R. S. Navalker and Khan Bahadur Bomonjee D. Pudumjee. A provisional Managing Committee was appointed with Sir Fazulbhoy Currimbhoy and Mr. Narotam Morarjee Gokuldas as Joint Honorary Treasurers, and Atya Begum Fyzee Rahamin, Mr. Karnad, and Khan Bahadur Pudumjee as Joint Honorary Secretaries. The business of drafting rules and by-laws was entrusted to a sub-committee. Donations of several lakhs of rupees have been already promised towards the scheme. Atya Begum Fyzee Rahamin and Mr. Rahamin have left for America, where it is hoped they will be able to enlist the sympathy also of those Americans who have evinced an interest in the cause of Indian Music.

INDIAN CEMENT COMPANY LTD.

The sixth annual meeting of the Indian Cement Company, Limited, was held yesterday.

In the absence of Sir D. J. Tata, the Hon. Mr. Lalubhai Samaldas was voted to the chair.

The annual report, together with the audited accounts for the year ending 31st December 1917, showing a net profit of Rs. 2,14,963-13-10 which the directors recommended to be disposed of as follows was adopted.

To Carry to Depreciation of Buildings and Machinery Account, including Depreciation of Wolff's Engines, Rs. 70,000; To write off a portion of the outstanding preliminary expenses, Rs. 25,586-6-4; To pay Dividend at the rate of Rs. 15 per share for the year free of Income-Tax, Rs. 1,14,000; To carry forward to next year's Account, Rs. 5,377-7-6; Total Rs. 2,14,963-13-10.

The Directors report that the new Power-Plant continues to give excellent service with a consequent substantial increase in our cement production in the year under report over that of the previous year. The Directors regret that the arrangements for increasing the output referred to in the last report has not yet been accomplished owing to difficulties in securing machinery and freight space for same. All the necessary Rotary Kiln Plant has now been secured and will soon be on its way to India. A Forced Draught Fan, with auxiliaries, is being installed at the Works, in consequence of which our present Kiln output is expected to be substantially increased. During the year under report, the Company had to enter into a contract with the Indian Munitions Board for supplying cement to Government for their public works and military requirements for a period of twelve months at a rate considerably lower than the market rate and the Indian Munitions Board are now requisitioning the whole of the Company's output.

The Hon. Mr. Lalubhai Samaldas and Mr. H. P. Gibbs were re-elected directors and Messrs. K. S. Aiyar and Co., and Messrs. S. B. Bilimoria and Co., were re-elected auditors.

A vote of thanks to the chair brought the meeting to close.

CURRIMBHOY GROUP OF MILLS.

At the extraordinary general meetings of the Fazulbhoy Mills Co., the Currimbhoy Mills Co., the Ebrahimbhoy Pabaney Mills Co., the Crescent Mills Co., the Indian Bleaching and Dyeing and Printing Works, the Pearl Mills and the Premier Mills, the special resolutions passed at the meetings held on the 27th March last were confirmed.

CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, April 23.

The market for jute mill shares ruled very much easier to-day, notwithstanding a rally at opening when Clives and Kamarhatty's advanced to Rs. 204 and 338 respectively. There was not much doing in other stocks, and at the close quotations for Clives was Rs. 189 and Kamarhattys Rs. 508. In other sections of the market there was no activity, dullness generally prevailing. Very little inquiry is in evidence. New Kessurgarhs were done at Rs. 19-8 and Behar Oil at Rs. 36-8 while Bengal Brass changed hands at Rs. 29-12. Following were lasted quotations:—

Coal:—Burragarh 5; New Kessurgarh 19-8; Ondal (ord) 18-4; Pench Valley 285.

Jute:—Clive (ord) 289; Fort Gloster (ord) 640; Kamarhatty (ord) 508; Kinnison (ord) 580; Lawrence (ord) 450; Lansdowne (ord) 320; Northbrook (ord) 46; Reliance (ord) 46.

Tea:—Phoenix 51.

Miscellaneous:—Bengal Brass 29-12; Behar Oil 36-8; Titaghur Paper (ord) 325.

Rubber:—Jimah 1.80; Kempas 8.90; Sungie Patani 0.60 p.

Government paper 3½ per cent. was quoted at Rs. 65-8 to 65-12 and small lots were done at Rs. 65-14 to 66-2.

The Bank of Madras rate of interest remains unchanged.

INDIAN ECONOMICS.

FACILITIES FOR STUDY IN BOMBAY.

At the second ordinary general meeting of the Indian Economic Society, Bombay, held at the Servants of India Society's Home, Sandhurst Road, Dr. P. N. Daruwala presiding, the report for the year ending on 31st December, 1917, was submitted by the secretary, Mr. Deole. The report stated among other things:—

In the year under review, as many as nine discussions were held, the lecturers being well-informed in their own lines.

In the first report, it was mentioned that one of the objects of the Society was the formation of an Economic Library. Efficient and scientific study of Economics and research work, particularly in the field of Indian Economics will not be possible without such a library. The need for a library like this was greatly felt here in Bombay, the premier Indian Industrial city. It may be claimed that the object of the library has been fairly successful. The Society has collected books on all the important economic subjects. During the year under report, the Society have spent Rs. 679-5-3 for the library. Altogether they have spent Rs. 2,277-8-0.

The library now contains a little more than 500 volumes excluding the magazines and journals. It has been well availed of this year, about more than 400 volumes being issued to members.

The Society has submitted a memorandum of evidence to the Industrial Commission.

MARATHI CLASS IN ECONOMICS.

In order to spread and popularize the knowledge of Economics the managing committee authorized the starting of Marathi, Gujarathi, and English classes to teach a popular course in Economics. The class in Marathi alone was possible during the year. It was held the whole year, the classes working almost every Sunday with a few exceptions.

The first and important work on which the society has embarked in this year is that of starting a quarterly journal. It is hoped to bring it up-to-date, to secure as far as possible first class writers, though the society is aware that in India there is a great dearth of writers and specialists on economic subjects. The journal, itself, is intended to remove such difficulties by inducing prominent business men and experts to make a special study of problems for the good of the country. The Society also proposes to undertake an economic study of the labouring classes.

In the beginning of the year under report, the number of members was 173. Now it has risen to 190.

The task that the society has set before itself is by no means easy and its success will depend upon the sympathy and co-operation of its members as well as that of the public and the Government. The Society, therefore, appeals to the people of this presidency and other provinces, who have the economic development of the country at heart, to help it in its work either by assisting it with donations or by joining it and participating in its activities.

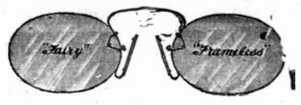
After the adoption of the report the following office-bearers and members of the Managing Committee were elected for the current year.

President, Sir Vithaldas Thakersey; Vice Presidents, Sir Bhalchandra Krishna; the Hon. Sir Ibrahim Rahimtulla, Sir Narayan Chandavarkar, Mr. J. B. Petit, the Hon. Mr. V. J. Patel and Mr. N. V. Gokhale; Members of the Committee:—The Hon. Mr. C. V. Mehta, Mr. Ratansi Dharamsey, Messrs. M. R. Jaykar, J. R. Gharpure, Lalshankar Herprasad, H. S. Spencer, I. I. Mashruwala, M. D. Altekar, Prof. P. A. Wadia Prof. V. G. Dalvi, V. L. Nappoo, Motilal Valbhaji, Dr. P. N. Daruwala, Messrs. R. S. Padbidrilal, Maneklal H. Vakil and V. G. Vijapurkar. Hon. Secretaries: Messrs. N. M. Muzumdar, ulabchand Devchand, C. S. Deole, V. G. Dalvi, and V. G. Kale; Hon. Treasurers: Messrs. B. Gokhale and R. Nabar.

Mr. B. L. Thosar was re-elected auditor.

A vote of thanks to the chair and the auditor terminated the proceedings.

In the trade returns for March, 1918, published by the Department of Statistics, the Indian imports amounted to £6,914,000, a decrease of £1,640,000 and exports to £14,305,000 a decrease of £1,034,000 as against the figures for the corresponding months of 1917. Imports during March of the pre-war year 1914 amounted to £10,308,000 and exports to £15,656,000.



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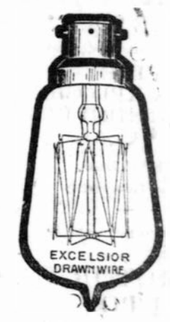

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THE BOMBAY CHRONICLE
Wednesday, 24th April, 1918.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

An interesting ceremony took place at Manchester on March 2nd, when the resident Indian members of the India Council—Sahebzada Aftab Ahmedkhan and Sir Prabhashanker Pattani—received the gift of an aeroplane to the Government of India from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce. The occasion gave an opportunity to the Indian members of voicing the feelings of their countrymen and the full report of their speeches which has been received by the last mail shows that the opportunity was well used. Both of them regarded the gift as a symbol at once of the sacred mission of England to help India to rise to "the highest pitch of civic life and liberty" so as to take her proper place in the scheme of the Empire and of "that changed angle of vision which consists in treating India as an equal partner in this Empire." "That," Sahebzada Aftab Ahmedkhan emphasised, "was the right and straight path to India's heart, which was full of untold potentialities for the future greatness of the Empire." Much loose talk has been indulged in by the critics of India as to the respective contributions of the Dominions and of India to the war and the Indian people have in season and out of season been lectured on the duty they owe to the Empire to which they belong. Apart from the fact that the insinuation suggested has no basis—the part played by India has been, according to the admission of the Premier and other British statesmen, in no way inferior to that of any Dominion but has actually been greater—the relevant consideration which is often ignored in this misconceived insistence on the duty of Indians as members of the Empire, is that the latter are not yet allowed to enjoy the rights of equal citizenship which alone is the justification of that Empire. On this point Sahebzada Aftab Ahmedkhan spoke with emphasis and frankness:

The services rendered by the self-governing Dominions in this crisis deserved all praise; and mother England had every reason to be proud of her sons, who had fought, and were fighting, so well in her defence—all honour and glory to their undying deeds and devotion. But the part which India, England's adopted son or daughter, had played in this world war had a meaning and importance of its own, and had added strength and firmness to England's Imperial power and prestige such as even she herself did not expect before. In fact, her enemies had counted upon India's proving a source of deadly weakness at the time of crisis. But now they had had the crisis, and both friends and foes knew what India was and what she could be made to be.

What India has contributed and is still contributing in men, money, and material, in defence of the Allied cause, cannot be too often brought to the attention of the British democracy in whose power, in the ultimate resort, lies the decision to apply to India the principles for the vindication of which they are fighting with their Allies against the common enemy. Sahebzada Aftab Ahmedkhan did well to refer to this, though he rightly pointed out that "India's services had been so varied and numerous that it was almost impossible to enumerate or describe them." But we do not disguise the fact that India's services might have been and can still be more splendid—though the entire blame in this matter must rest, as Mr. Montagu pointed out during the Mesopotamian debate, with the Government and not with the people of India. On the part of the people nothing was wanting, when they learnt that the heart of the Empire was in danger, to demonstrate their willingness and determination to contribute their share towards the defence and security of their Empire and they have done all that is humanly possible within the limited scope of service vouchsafed to them. "Their deeds and devotion," said Sahebzada Aftab Ahmedkhan, "are engraved, in letters of blood, upon the soil of three Continents—Europe, Africa and Asia." And India's chief regret," he added, "was that her powers and resources were not utilised in time so that the world would have seen to-day how much more she could have done at this crisis."

Now, however, it is not what India has done or what she might have done, if permitted, that is all important, but what she will do. The Viceroy has taken the step of inviting the cooperation of the leaders of the people in deciding what form the "redoubled efforts" of India, for which the Premier has appealed should take. There can be no doubt as to what the representatives of the people will urge. The point really is how far the bureaucracy, both military and civil, will surrender their prejudices, to enable India to play her proper part in the hour of danger. While Indians are eager to do all they can to win the war, they are equally determined to be assured that they will not be striving and their soldiers will not be fighting for a liberty that will be denied to themselves. On this point, too, Sahebzada Aftab Ahmedkhan did not mince matters:

> In these connection, the real key to all this lay in the successful application and realisation of that liberal, large-minded and far-sighted policy which had recently been announced by the Government, and in making India and her people, really and effectively, equal partners in the greatness and glory of the Empire. England's mission was bearing fruit and there was a great and general awakening in India, whose sons were anxious and ready for equal opportunities of doing justice to those powers and natural gifts with which God had endowed them and their country, and thereby be able to contribute their fullest share to the moral and material stock of the great Empire whose sons and citizens they had the honour and happiness to be.

We commend this statement of what India is anxious to do and what she wants to the earnest consideration of the Viceroy and the Secretary of State who will disclose their momentous decision on Saturday. And we would urge upon them the grave danger in which they stand of missing a great opportunity by allowing the bureaucratic machine, and what is worse, the bureaucratic spirit, to intervene between them and the people of India at this critical moment. In the announcement of the Conference to be held at Delhi on the 27th instant, it was stated that:

> His Excellency has invited the attendance of several prominent ruling chiefs, also of all non-official members of the Imperial Legislative Council. He has also asked heads of provinces to depute representatives of various shades of opinion to attend the Conference. The object of the meeting is to invite the cooperation of all classes, firstly in sinking domestic differences and in bringing about cessation of political propaganda during the present crisis; secondly, in securing the active support of all classes in the measure necessary for the prosecution of the war with special reference to man-power and the development of India's resources; and thirdly, in cheerfully bearing the sacrifices which may be necessary to achieve victory.

It is amazing to learn, in view of this, that, though the invitations from the Imperial Government and the Local Governments have been sent out, neither Mrs. Besant nor Mr. Tilak have been included! What dishonesty is this! Dr. Nair is to be one of the representatives of Madras. The Hon. Mr. Gulam Hossain is to be one of those from this Presidency. We need only mention these two names in contrast with those of Mrs. Besant and Mr. Tilak, and half-a-dozen other real leaders of public opinion in Bombay and Madras, whose names readily suggest themselves, who have also been ignored, to emphasize the disingenuous interpretation that has been placed by two of the Local Governments at least on the phrase "various shades of opinion." There can be no doubt that the Viceroy and the Secretary of State meant by that phrase that all phases of opinion should be represented. The Local Governments make their own selections and put forward men, who, whatever their merits and whatever their claim to represent "various shades" of opinion, represent only small sectional interests and are quite out of touch with general popular sentiment. The Delhi Conference will be a failure and a farce, if it is not in its constitution representative of the real sentiments of the people and thus able to command their assent to its decisions. Otherwise, we shall merely have a repetition of the old weary business of zealous officialdom, assisted by small bands of men quite out of touch with the people, trying to work up by methods of "pressure and persuasion,"—*vide* the official admission of the Government of Bombay,—enthusiasm in the prosecution of the war. And a year hence we shall be still hearing from the malignants and the muddy-thinkers that India has not risen to the full height of her opportunities. India will not rise and cannot rise to that height until you remove the shackles which are cramping her down. Nothing will be achieved unless Lord Chelmsford and Mr. Montagu face the issue and the people squarely; unless they thrust aside all the obstacles, bureaucratic and traditional which stand between them and the people. It is the Imperial Government and the Viceroy who must now rise to the height of their opportunity. Let them declare unequivocally that India is to have responsible self-government, with the Congress-League Scheme as the first step, so that Indians may know that they themselves are to have the right of self-determination for which they are asked to fight for others. And let them call the true leaders of the people into their councils. Then, all may be won. But if this is not done, not one of the objects for which the Conference is being called, from the cessation of political propaganda onwards, is likely to be achieved.

LAJPAT RAI.

Our readers will remember that some time ago, Sir George Cave, the Home Secretary, made a number of charges against Lala Lajpat Rai to the effect that his propaganda had been subsidised by the Germans. These are charges in the truth of which no one who knows Lala Lajpat Rai could, as we stated at the time, believe. As a matter of fact, so soon as the facts came to the knowledge of Lala Lajpat Rai, he cabled to the Home Secretary and to the "Daily News" repudiating these charges. The latter does not appear to have received the cable as may be gathered from the following extract from that newspaper:

> A Tale of Two Cablegrams—They were both despatched from New York on Dec. 23, 1917. The first ran as follows:—
>
> *Daily News*, London.
>
> "Cabled Cave indignantly repudiating charge German subsidy. Have always opposed German propaganda."
>
> Lajpat Rai.
>
> Unfortunately it was never delivered—at any rate, no record of its receipt at this office can be discovered. I hope the second was more fortunate. It ran thus:
>
> Home Secretary, London.
>
> "Indignantly repudiate your statement House of Commons author book "Young India" subsidised by Germans. My opposition German connection repeatedly publicly stated American Press.
>
> Lajpat Rai.

Lala Lajpat Rai has since written very properly complaining of what obviously is an amazing exercise of the censorial functions when it is remembered that, according to a reply to a question in the Commons, it was admitted that Lala Lajpat Rai's cable to the Home Secretary was duly received. Lala Lajpat Rai asks how a man, against whom serious charges are publicly made in England, is to clear himself if cables to that end are held back. He proceeds:

> While we here are engaged in making it clear to the American public that India does not want to go out of the Empire, the Government in England is trying to discredit us. What will be the effect? The people here will be inclined to accept the revolutionary party as the spokesmen of India.

This, he remarks, is a very short-sighted policy. But what is a poor Tory Home Secretary, fed with hair-raising stories by the C. I. D., via the India Office, to do!

Notes of the Day.

Sir J. Meston Generalises.

The Indian people have no reason to be gratified with the facile generalisations with the help of which Sir James Meston has sought to impress the "truth" about India on the attention of the British public through Reuter's representative. Sir James Meston was only speaking to the converted when he asked the British public to believe that "India is thoroughly loyal and most anxious to help," and, equally, he indulged in the familiar device of minimising India's contribution to the war when he added that "she has yet little conception of the gigantic nature of the struggle and is hardly fully aware of the tremendous issues at stake." And the Indian view could not have been more grossly misrepresented than by Sir James Meston when he added that "it is thus difficult for India to realise how valuable immediate aid would be and how great her opportunity is."

The Old Heresy.

Surely Sir James Meston knows full well that if India's contribution has not been as splendid as it could have been, the fault is not of the people but the result of the Government's stupid policy of distrust. Much more dangerous,—in view of the office which Sir James is to occupy on his return to this country—is his heresy about the "extraordinary prosperity" of the country. It is true, of course, that comparatively the country is in a better financial position than before the war and that an infinitesmal minority of the people—not a few of whom are foreign capitalists—have made much money out of the war. But no one in his senses, who knows anything about the country, could say that the great majority of the people who have keenly felt the pinch of the war are "extraordinarily prosperous." In fact the real grievance is that, thanks to the apathy of the Government, the country has not benefitted half as much as she could have, as a result of the opportunities created by the war; much less has it benefitted to anything like the extent to which Japan, for instance, has profitted.

Indian Currency and Banking Problems.

Professors Tannan and Shah have put together a collection of essays in a text-book under the title of "Indian Currency and Banking Problems." Prof. Tannan is the Sir Chinubhai Madhavlal Lecturer in Banking at the Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics, Bombay, and Prof. Shah, who, until very recently taught Economics and Administration at St. Xavier's College in Bombay now finds himself in a sphere of wider academic activities at Mysore. Messrs. Tannan and Shah became aware that any material for a proper understanding of "the development of the currency system of India which was likely to be found in public documents like Government Gazettes, or dispatches, or departmental blue-books was either inaccessible, incomprehensible or antiquated." Specialized monographs like those of Keynes and Kemmerer suffer, in the opinion of Messrs. Tannan and Shah, from two cardinal defects. "Hardly anyone of them attaches sufficient importance to the history of the system, and most of them are avowed champions of the one or the other side in an open controversy."

The Authors' Claim.

So they have produced a book in which they claim to have made "a conscientious attempt to avoid either of these two defects," and they trust it will be not only a help to the average University student, but will prove interesting "to the business man as well as to the public official." In their introduction, they avow that "in trying to secure the interests of their students, the authors were obliged to use haste, which has no doubt prevented that long deliberation and full discussion which would have added immensely to the value of the work." There is abundant evidence in the book about this "absence of long deliberation and full discussion." Mr. Shah's contribution towards this joint effort reads like a series of notes dictated in a great hurry to University men, desirous of getting up *facts*. The titles of his chapters sound well; their substance reveals an injudicious massing up of data and other people's views, which to the business man or to the public official are things of mediocre importance. The business man will be interested in the conclusions which Mr. Shah draws from them. He will expect him to invest them with an academic impartiality, but Mr. Shah, who has written an excellent chapter on the history of the Indian coinage, who has facts and points ready for University men regarding the general principles of currency, who ably summarises the Fowler Committee's findings, has no time to discuss in detail and with the necessary lucidity of treatment, the "modes of guaranteeing the convertibility of notes." He gives a list of these "modes" of course, but he says that they "have all their several points of advantages, as well as disadvantages, but we cannot examine them in detail in the limited scope of this book."

Coin Circulation.

In dealing with another important issue, the principles of coin circulation, Mr. Shah is again considerably hampered by his limited scope. Thus we read that "the limited scope of this book would not permit us to try to unravel the mysteries of coin circulation. We must content ourselves by mentioning only a few important laws in passing." We should imagine the businessman in India to-day is very vitally interested in the mysteries of coin circulation and any conclusions he now has to arrive at regarding the particular kind of currency India wants will depend upon his appreciation of these mysteries. It is unfortunate that in his attempt to "find positive arguments in favour of a gold currency Mr. Shah has chosen a method of treatment suitable neither to a text-book, nor to a work ambitious enough to educate the businessman and the public official. In the portion on Banking, Mr. Tannan has admirably stated facts, but the chapter on "A State Bank for India" is a chapter the least suited to a text-book., though the most interesting to the business man. We would ask the authors of this useful volume to go beyond the length of a text-book in their next atttempt at the elucidation of Indian currency and banking problems, and produce a work which is exhaustive in detail, and academic in dignity.

Official and Personal.

Her Excellency Lady Willingdon will perform the ceremony of laying the Corner-Stone of Sir Harkisondas Narotamdas Hospital at New Charni Road, on Monday, the 29th instant at 5-15 p.m.

It is understood that the Lieutenant-Governor of the United Provinces will return to the plains for tour at the end of the month.

Colonel Manifold lately of the United Provinces has been selected for promotion to Surgeon-General *vice* Surgeon-General Greainger vacated.

General Sir Baber Sham Shere Jang Bahadur Rana, Inspector-General of the Nepalese Contingent in India, has arrived at Simla.

Mr. H. Thompson, Financial Commissioner, Burma who had been deputed to go to India to attend the War Conference at Delhi was recalled to Maymyo, while on his way to Rangoon to embark. It is understood that his journey to Delhi has been cancelled.

Vaidyaratna Kaviraj Jogendranath Sen left Calcutta on a professional call to Meerut whence he will proceed to Lahore. Kaviraj Jogendranath Sen and Kaviraj Sudhirdranath Sen left for Lahore to attend the All-India Ayurvedic Conference.

Mr. Jitendranath Bannerjee, Bar-at-Law, of Calcutta wrote to his Excellency the Governor offering to make a bequest endowing the Bengalee Regiment with a sum of one lakh of rupees on the understanding that the regiment becomes a permanent unit in the Indian Army. His Excellency has conveyed to Mr. Bannerjee his appreciation of this generous and patriotic offer.

A Nandod correspondent wires:—His Highness the Maharaja of Rajpipla held a durbar at Jaghadia for the purpose of further encouraging and stimulating recruiting in the state. The durbar was well attended and his Highness made an appeal to all his subjects and officers to supply as many recruits as possible. It is expected that many recruits will enlist.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

DANGER OF PARTIAL REFORMS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

BANKIPORE, April 18.

(*Delayed in transmission*)

Mrs. Annie Besant, who arrived here today in connection with the scheme of national education delivered a lecture this evening before a crowded gathering on "The present political situation and our duty." She said she had intended to speak to them chiefly about the resolution of the last Congress and the probabilities of reforms which Mr. Montagu might be going to put before the Cabinet in England. That was a subject of vital importance to them and she therefore wished to deal with it first. She then gave the history of the various resolutions passed in the Congress since 1915. She advised them not to accept reforms if the power of the purse was not given to elected majorities in Councils not only provincial but also imperial.

In this connection she also referred to the exploiting of India by English merchants and said that ever since the East India Company came to India, in proportion that India became poorer, manufacturers and merchants in England had grown richer and richer.

It is proposed to raise a corps of citizen army from among the vast population of the Indian railway employees throughout India.

Owing to the president's inability and the altered dates of the Bijapur Conference the Kannad Sammellan has been postponed and the new dates will be notified soon.

"TRUST US & WE WILL NOT FAIL YOU."

APPEAL TO BRITAIN TO REDEEM PLEDGE OF FREEDOM.

INDIAN LEADERS' MANIFESTO.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MADRAS, April 22.

The following manifesto signed by Mrs. Annie Besant, Sir S. Subramania Iyer, Mr. A. Rangaswamy Iyengar, Mr. K. V. Rangaswami Iyengar, Mr. S Kasturiranga Iyengar, Mr. V. Venkatarama Iyer, Mr. B. P. Wadia, Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Iyer, Mr. Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Mr. M. A. Jinnah, Mr. B. G. Horniman, Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas, Mr. V. J. Patel, Mr. R. P. Karandikar, Mr. S. R. Bomanji, Mr. Ratansi D. Morarji, Mr. B. Chakravarti, Mr C. R. Das, Mr. Motilal Ghosh, Mr. Hirendranath Datt, Mr. Syed Hasan Imam, Mr. Mazharul Haq, Mr. Purnendu Narayan Singh, Mr. Sarfaraz Hasan Khan and Mr. G. S. Khaparde, has been submitted to the Government and Parliament of Great Britain and to the Supreme Government of India:—

The present time is a time for grave and weighty decisions that affect the future not only of Great Britain, India and the Empire, but of the world. The war has reached a critical stage and plain speech is necessary alike on the part of Great Britain and of India, if the Empire is to triumph over her enemies, if liberty is to triumph over force, law over autocracy. In the working of Providence, who guides the destines of nations, Great Britain and India have been brought together and have lived side by side for 160 years. The union has brought both gain and loss to both, gain to India by being brought into contact with a liberty-loving and progressive western nation, gain to England by an immense increase of wealth and impetus to commerce, loss to India by the destruction of her power of self-defence and by her becoming a dependency instead of a member of warlike, wealthy and independent states, loss to England by clouding of her principles in the adoption of autocracy and by consequent lowering of her status in the world's eyes. The Army Act of 1878 completed India's subjection and helplessness and in the moment of the Empire's need, she finds herself not only in danger of invasion from Central Asia as in old days, but of Central Asia dominated by Germany, and herself without her old power of self-defence. Yet the old martial spirit is not dead, as is shown by her soldiers in the present war. Bengal has shown the capacity of its young men for quickly becoming soldiers and the spirit that Bengal has shown exists all over India, even outside the so-called martial races. Can that be called out now for the defence alike of India and the Empire? Is it too late to evoke the spirit that sprang up in 1914 and was rejected? We believe it is not even too late, but that which Mr. Lloyd George said of Ireland is true of India. We cannot ask young men to fight for principles, the application of which is denied to their own country. A subject race cannot fight for others with the heart and energy with which a free race can fight for the freedom of itself and others. If India is to make great sacrifices in the defence of the Empire, it must be as a partner in the Empire and not as a dependency. Let her feel that she is fighting for her own freedom as well as for the freedom of others, that she will have her place as a free nation in the commonwealth of free nations under the British Crown and then she will strain every nerve to stand by England to the last. For this there must be mutual trust. His Majesty's Government has already promised responsible Government to India. Let full responsible government be established in India within a definite period to be fixed by statute with the Congress League scheme as the first stage and a Bill to that effect be introduced into Parliament at once.

"TRUST INDIA."

Let India's leaders be taken into confidence now and treated as recognised sharers in the perils and triumphs of the struggle. Let the Governor-General and the Secretary of State for India say to the leaders of the people that they want. Let us all feel that we are one in heart and aim, that we are not servants fighting for our masters, but free men fighting beside free men for the common heritage of freedom. We do not want to break our tie with England, we do not want to see it broken by the war into which she entered in the defence of liberty. We detested German tyranny and German methods. The policy of Great Britain has made it impossible for us alone to defend our own frontiers and our own coasts. We do not want to change the masters but to share their freedom and to live in happy union of equals for mutual advantage. We are ready to make sacrifices, we are ready to fight and work in India as English men and English women are fighting and working in England, but it must be for a similar reason. We must work and fight to win liberty, the prize of victory, as they work and fight to keep the liberty they won in the past generations. Responsible government is promised, but the promise is indefinite. Let England pledge herself definitely to redeem that promise by accepting here as in Ireland, that which our leaders have asked in the Congress and League assembled and we will work heart and soul to save Britain, India and the Empire. We will triumph with her or we will go down with her in a world ruin. Do not misunderstand us as we shall try to help Britain in any case, for we cannot forget the ties of many years and we believe that in the immediate future, liberty stands or falls with the British Empire. But if Britain refuses us our place in the Empire, we shall try as leading a forlorn hope, whereas if Britain welcomes us as a nation whose freedom depends upon the issue of the struggle we feel sure that we shall win. Only the hope of freedom can arouse popular enthusiasm to fighting point. Let not reactionary British politicians prevail at this moment and thus ruin the Empire. Trust us and we will not fail you. Be true to us and we will be true to you. Do not ask us to give every thing while you give nothing to trust you while you distrust us, and try to use us for your own advantage only. Drill us, arm us, officer us with our own countrymen, make us a huge citizen army and take, if you will, the flower of our troops to fight abroad. But let us fight under the banner of liberty, for nothing less than that will nerve our men to fight and our women to sacrifice.

Mrs. Besant a note under the manifesto writes that the above was written and sent out before the receipt of the unfortunate message from the War Cabinet. There are some of the signatories, who, in view of the tone of the War Cabinet's communique and proposals to stop political discussion, are inclined to stand entirely aside from any co-operation with Government. There has not been time to reach the United Provinces, the Punjab and Sind and some additional signatures may reach us from members of Councils and officials of public bodies.

OPERATION ON ALBERT FRONT.

POSITION NORTH IMPROVING

LOCAL FIGHTING TO OUR ADVANTAGE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 23, 1-15 p.m.
Recd. 0-20 a.m., April 24.

This afternoon's communiqué from Field-Marshal Haig says: We took sixty prisoners as the result of a successful operation last night northward of Albert improving our position.

We also took a number of prisoners in Robecq and Wytschaete areas in local fighting to our advantage.

We raided trenches and reached support lines in the neighbourhood of Fampoux.

Hostile artillery was active westward of Albert and on the bulk of the front from southward of the Nieppe Forest to eastward of the Ypres. Our artillerp engaged concentrations in Villersbretonneaux sector and in the neighbourhood of Serre.

RICHTHOFEN BROUGHT DOWN IN SOMME VALLEY.

BURIAL WITH MILITARY HONOURS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.

LONDON, April 22.
Recd. 7-30 a.m., April 23.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters says the famous airman Richthofen was brought down in the Somme valley yesterday. His body has been recovered and is being buried with military honours today. It is anticipated that, the ceremony will be very impressive and worthy of the fallen airman's remarkable record.

UNPRODUCTIVE ENEMY SACRIFICES.

A MORE POWERFUL THRUST EXPECTED

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

WASHINGTON, April 22.
Recd. 8-40 a.m., April 23.

The War Secretary's weekly review says hitherto the enemy's enormous sacrifices have not produced primary results, therefore he expects a more powerful thrust elsewhere if the drive towards the Channel fails.

ENCOUNTER IN MACEDONIA.

HEAVY LOSSES OF GERMAN ADVANCED POSTS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April, 22
Recd. 10-30 p.m., April 23

An Italian official message from Macedonia says: We inflicted at dawn on Saturday heavy losses on German advanced posts, one of which was destroyed.

CONSCRIPTION FOR IRELAND.

NATIONALIST OPPOSITION.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 21.
Recd. 7-30 a.m., April 23.

The Nationalist members of the House of Commons in Dublin, presided over by Mr. Dillon, decided to remain in Ireland and organise opposition to conscription. Fifteen hundred trade union delegates meeting in the Dublin Mansion House pledged themselves to resist conscription and fixed April 23rd as a day of stoppage of all work to enable the workers to sign the pledge.

Masses and services of intercession are being held to avert conscription.

HOME RULE BILL.

TO BE IMMEDIATELY INTRODUCED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 22.
Recd. 0-20 a.m., April 24.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Home Rule Bill (Irish) would be introduced immediately but he could not give the date.

EARTHQUAKE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

TWO TOWNS WRECKED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LOS ANGELES, April 22.
Recd. 8-40 a.m., April 23.

An earthquake has occurred in Southern California and a portion of west Arizona. Two towns have been wrecked besides much minor damage.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS SANSCRIT SCHOLAR.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 18.
Recd. 7-30 a.m., April 23.

The death is announced of the Sanscrit schclar Colonel George Jacob.

ENEMY RAID EAST OF AVRE.

REPULSED BY FRENCH.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 22nd, 3-55 p.m.
Recd. 8-40 a.m., April 23.

A French communiqué says, an enemy raid was repulsed last night east of the Avre in the region of Thiennes. We took prisoners.

The enemy raid east of Rheims was equally unsuccessful. There was artillery activity at various points on the front.

ARMENIANS RETAKING VAN.

TARTAR ATTACKS ON BAKU.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

TIFLIS, April 21.
Recd. 8-40 a.m., April 23.

It is reported that the Armenians are retaking Van. Tartar attacks on Baku were repulsed by the Armenians and the rest of the population.

GERMAN ATROCITIES IN RUSSIA.

GOVERNMENT'S PROTEST.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

MOSCOW, April 22.
Recd. 8-40 a.m., April 23.

Government has protested to Berlin against the numerous atrocities in Russian towns and villages because of alleged isolated cases of guerilla warfare or refusal of peasants to give up corn and oats.

VIOLENT INFANTRY ENAGEMENTS.

GERMAN CLAIM FOR OPINING WAY TO CRIMEA.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 21.
Recd. 5 p.m., April 23.

A wireless German official message says: Reciprocal reconnaisances on Rupprecht's and the Crown Prince's battle fronts led to violent infantry engagements. We have opened the way to the Crimea after overcoming the resistance.

DEMANDS ABOUT TO BE MADE ON NETHERLANDS.

TO FORCE HER TO TAKE ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 22.
Recd. 5 p.m., April 23.

A message to the "Daily Telegraph" from Rotterdam states that certain demands have already been or are about to be made by Germany which if pressed, would force the Netherlands to take one side or the other in war.

FRENCH HONOURS FOR INDIAN PRINCES

JODHPUR AND RUTLAM AMONG RECIPIENTS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 18.
Recd. 7-30 a.m., April 23.

President Poincare has conferred the Legion of Honour Grand Officer on the Maharajah of Jodhpur, Croix d'Officer on the Rajah of Rutlam, and Croix de Guerre on Brigadier-General H. B. Baird.

IMPORT OF COTTON TO SWITZERLAND.

ALLIED EMBARGO REMOVED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 17.
Recd. 5 p.m., April 23.

In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil stated that the Allied embargo on the import of raw cotton into Switzerland had been removed as negotiations between the Allies and the Swiss Government with a view to reducing the export of certain Swiss goods to enemy countries had attained their object.

FOSTERING LOCAL INDUSTRIES IN MADRAS.

QUESTION IN COMMONS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 16.
Recd. 7-30 a.m., April 23.

In the House of Commons Sir J. D. Rees asked whether the order from Home countermanding the Madras Government's policy of activity fostering local industries was still in force.

Mr. Fisher replied that when the Indian Industrial Commission was appointed the Secretary of State authorised the Government of India to instruct Local Government that pending final orders on the Commission's recommendations they need not consider themselves unduly restricted by the orders in force if they desired to help particular industries.

"INDIA IS THOROUGHLY LOYAL".

HER RESPONSE IN WAR WORK-

SIR JAMES MESTON INTERVIEWED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 17.
Recd. 5 p.m., April 23.

Sir James Meston, interviewed by Reuter's representative, speaking of India's work in war with special reference to the recent exchange of telegrams between Mr. Lloyd George and the Viceroy, said:—

"It must be remembered that India is very distant from the war and also puzzled by its long duration. India is thoroughly loyal at heart and most anxious to help, but she has yet little conception of the gigantic nature of the struggle and is hardly fully aware of the tremendous issues at stake. She thus finds it difficult to realise how valuable immediate aid would be and how great her opportunity is.

INDIA WILL GLADLY RESPOND TO THE LATEST APPEAL.

"Both the Princes and all classes in British India did at the outset all they were asked to do and they would gladly give now with both hand if they could see the conditions on the battlefront of Europe. India is extraordinarily prosperous and her political aspirations have never made her disloyal. I am sure she will respond gallantly to this latest appeal for her co-operation."

Further offer of her man-power is the first need and no effort should be spared to stimulate recruiting for the Indian army. The Punjab and the part of the United Provinces adjoining it have done admirably but the strain in those areas is now great and the other parts of India ought to bear a larger share in the work.

FURTHER PROVISION OF WHEAT.

Another matter in which India can help is further provision of wheat. She has food to spare and should be made to know how vital the food question is to the Allies. If the current harvest is as good as expected when I left India, she ought to be able to send a large quantity of grain to Europe.

In the matter of war loans and war charities, India has been most generous and will continue to be generous especially if our appeal is made to the masses and not exclusively to the moneyed classes. She is deaf to every form of German propaganda and she will readily endure temporary inconveniences in high prices and currency difficulties if she feels that she is taking her part in pushing back the enemy of her civilisation and ours."

KARACHI WAR LEAGUE.

STEPS TO MEET PREMIER'S APPEAL.

(From our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, April 23.

A special meeting of the members of the Karachi Division of the War League was held at the War League Office, Karachi, on Saturday evening to consider what steps should be taken in response to Mr. Lloyd George's appeal to the Government and people of India to redouble their efforts in defence of India and to defeat German aggression and savagery. There was a large and keenly interested audience.

Mr. E. L. Price,, President, Karachi Branch of the War League, presided. Several proposals were made and accepted by the meeting, some of purely local bearing, others of general application. Among the former were:—

(1) That immediate steps should be taken to improve the health of Karachi which is now an important military base;

(2) That efforts should be made to improve recruiting in Sind and that with this object to start with an officer with experience of recruiting in India should be invited to address and instruct the League; and

(3) That local newspapers should be invited to cease petty bickerings and concentrate on the war.

Among the suggestions of general application were:—

(1) That a still more active educational campaign should be inaugurated by the War League, some of whose war literature should be translated into the vernacalars and distributed broadcast;

(2) That all school masters should be addressed to start a saving and helping campaign;

(3) That ladies should be trained in all kinds of office work so that still more men might be released for the battle fronts;

(4) That the press throughout India should be invited to ignore all political news and to publish and treat editorially first and foremost war news, war efforts and war requirements;

(5) That there should be a close overhauling of trade with the object of cutting down or excluding luxuries of all kinds, not only with the object of saving money for war purposes, but also in order to economise both land and sea transport; and

(6) That strict economy in all directions should be preached and practised especially with regard to things like petrol, wine, spirits, and other liquors, tinned foods of all kinds, clothes, etc., wherein sea and land transport might be reduced and money saved.

MAXIMUM PRICE OF WHISKY FIXED

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April, 22.
Recd. 10-30 p.m., April 23.

The Press Bureau states that the Food Controller has fixed the maximum prices of whisky, thirty under proof at 8/6 to 9-6 per bottle according to quality. Proportionate reduction will be made for lower strengths.

CANCELLATION OF PASSPORTS.

PLEA OF NATIONAL INTEREST.

RESULT OF WAR CABINET'S CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, April 16.
Recd. 7-30 a.m., April 23.

In the House of Commons replying to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald regarding the cancellation of the passports of the Indian Home Rule deputation, Mr. Fisher stated that after careful consideration the War Cabinet decided that it would not be right to depart from the general rule that passports should only be issued where the journey was undertaken in national interest.

COTTON PRICES.

Sir J. D. Rees asked what action the Government of India was taking in view of the prices of cotton in India. Mr. Fisher replied that he had no information on the matter.

IMPORTATION OF COFFEE.

Sir J. D. Rees suggested that the Secretary of State ask the Board of Trade to license the importation into the United Kingdom of half of the coffee crop for 1917-18.

Mr. Fisher replied that the Secretary of State had been communicating with the Board of Trade, who had not found it possible to license more than 1,674 tons, which was half the quantity imported in 1917, and shipping difficulties might prevent this concession operating. He pointed out that a considerable quantity of coffee was being sent from India to other war theatres.

RESPONSE TO PREMIER'S APPEAL.

CONDITIONS OF SUCCESS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MADRAS, April 23.

At a meeting of the general body of the Provincial Congress Committee held yesterday under the presidency of Mrs. Besant resolutions: (1) protesting against the cancellation of passports to the Home Rule deputation and the language of the War Cabinet communique, (2) pointing out that it was necessary to grant substantial measures of self-government as demanded by the Congress League scheme to enable India to give effective cooperation in response to the Premier's appeal, (3) expressing the opinion that the proposal to take steps to cause cessation of political propaganda as unjustifiable, (4) protesting against the choice of representatives on the Delhi Conference being placed in the hands of the local Governments, (5) expressing the opinion that the country would be prepared heartily to accept conscription for military service in India provided the scheme of self-government demanded by the Congress-League was granted,—were passed, and telegraphed to the Viceroy and the Secretary of State.

The Congress Committee has convened a public meeting for to-morrow to consider the present political situation.

SURAT NOTES.

(From our Correspondent.)

SURAT, April 20.

The Surat Sarvajanik Education Society has now secured the final sanction of the Syndicate of the Bombay University for a second-grade Arts College. The college will begin its work from June next and it is expected that the appointment of Mr. S. V. Dastur, Vice-Principal of the Raja Ram College, Kolhapur, will tend to pacify those who have been, rightly or wrongly, feeling dissatisfied with regard to the question of the appointment of the college staff.

The Surat Municipality has adopted the resolution of the Schools Committee for the introduction into the city of free and compulsory primary education from 1st October, 1918.

The Municipality has refused to accept the offer of the Government to subsidise to the extent of one-third of the pay of the chief executive officer on the ground that the terms offered by Government come in the way of the grant of the privilege of an extended elective franchise to municipalities. The Municipality has, further, passed a resolution requesting Government to constitute municipal administration on a wholly elective basis and to extend the franchise to those paying Rs. 4-8 as direct tax instead of limiting it, as at present, to those paying Rs. 9. The poorer classes in the city are suffering great hardships owing to the scarcity of grain and the continued rise in the price of kerosine oil and other commodities of daily use.

The special wheat forecast for 1917-18 issued by the Department of Statistics, says that the total area now reported is 135,461,000 acres as compared with 32,962,000 acres at this time last year or an increase of nearly 8 per cent. as compared with the final figures of last year (32,940,000 acres). The present estimate also shows an increase of 8 per cent. The total yield is estimated at 10,277,000 tons as against 9,929,000 tons estimated this time last year or an increase of 3.5 per cent. All things considered the outturn of crop is slightly above the revised final estimates of last year (10,234,000 tons). Failure owing to want of rains affected unirrigated crop, but rainfall in March improved its prospects especially in the Punjab. The condition of irrigated crop continues to be good particularly in the Punjab, the United Provinces and Bombay.

BOMBAY SUPPORTS KAIRA RYOTS.

MR. PRATT AND "MA-BAPISM."

MR. GANDHI'S FRANK STATEMENT

A public meeting of the citizens of Bombay was held yesterday evening at Shantaram's Chawl, Khandewadi, with a view to hear a statement by Mr. M K. Gandhi in regard to the present situation in Kaira, and the passive resistance movement inaugurated there and to express sympathy with the passive resisters. The meeting also condemned the attitude of Mr. Pratt, the Commissioner. The Hon. Mr. V. J. Patel presided, and there was a very large gathering.

The proceedings were mostly in Marathi and Gujarathi.

Dr. Velker said the meeting was held for the purpose of supporting the passive resisters in Kaira. The question to be decided was whether India was going to be ruled by mere brute force or by consent of the people. There was a time when the Members of Council kept themselves in splendid isolation, but the Hon. Mr. V. J. Patel was an exception to that rule. He proposed that Mr. Patel should take the chair.

Dr. Erulker seconded the motion, and the Hon. Mr. Patel took the chair.

The Hon. Mr. V. J. Patel said that owing to excess of rain last October, the crops in the Kaira District had failed. So in November the Kaira ryots sent in two hundred petitions for suspension signed by twenty thousand persons. Those petitions were returned to the petitioners by the Government, with the remark that they had not been sent through the proper channel. (Shame). What justice could be expected in the matter by the poor ryots of the Government who returned their petitions with such excuse? The ryots were then advised to send all their petitions to the Collector. They therefore, sent them to the Collector of Kaira, Mr. Namjoshi. Mahatma Gandhi (Cheers) would narrate the whole history. He (the speaker) would only say in brief that he had been to the affected parts with Mr. Gandhi, and he felt certain that justice had not been done (shame). Owing to this, the agriculturists had resolved to suffer privations and resort to passive resistance. Even when they had sent in their petitions to the Collector, he began to collect revenues!

THE PRESS NOTE.

The collection of revenue was begun on the 5th December. On their visit to the Kaira District, their enquiries showed that the crops were at the most four anna. They petitioned the Collector, and called on him, and he assured them that he would enquire into the matter. But when from one side he (the Collector) assured them that he would make enquiries, he, at the same time, began to collect revenues (Laughter). In the enquiry made by the Gujerat Sabha also, they felt sure of the failure of the crops and petitioned the Government and advised the ryots to postpone the payment of the revenues pending the reply of the authorities As the ryots postponed giving the revenues, the Government issued an angry Press Note which showed unmistakably the attitude of the Government in the matter. (Laughter). That Press Note declared that the advice of the Gujerat Sabha was "ill-judged and mischievous" and it declared that only Rs. 1,75,000 would be suspended whereas they had asked for a total suspension of twenty-three lakhs. The President said that if the Hon. Mr. G. K. Parekh and he himself had not gone to institute enquiries, the Sircar would not have made a suspension of even one pice. After the Press Note a deputation, consisting of Mr Gandhi, Hon. Sir Dinshaw Wacha, the Hon. Mr. G. K. Parekh and himself, waited on his Excellency the Governor who, the people said was kind-hearted (Laughter). They therefore thought that they would get justice done. Nothing good however came out of the interview. They were assured that they would receive the reply in two days. The reply was disappointing. No other recourse then being left open, Passive Resistance was the only way out of the difficulty and they all showed their willingness to join in the movement. Another enquiry also showed that the crops were less than four anna. Their visits to several officials produced no effect. The Government said that the estimate of *talatis* was correct and that Mr. Gandhi was wrong (Shame. They were therefore reluctantly obliged to resort to Passive Resistance.

NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE.

There were many wiseacres (Laughter) in Bombay who were against this movement (Shame). He asked those persons to show them some way out of the difficulty, but no other solution of the difficulty was suggested. When, therefore, the Government persistently adhered to its finding, stating that the ryots were wrong, they had no other course left open but to resolve on Passive Resistance, and advised the ryots accordingly.

Mr. Patel then read telegrams of sympathy received.

The Hon. Mr. M. A. Jinnah wired: "Am firmly convinced Kaira Distress question should be enquired into immediately by an independent committee. I sympathise with the object of the meeting and with the ryots in their struggle."

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu wired: "Regret my inability to offer my personal support to a resolution with which I am in fullest accord, and the heroic resistance initiated by my honoured friend Mr. Gandhi and so valiantly sustained by his local followers cannot fail to command the profound and earnest sympathy of all India, for it is a struggle not merely of local interest and passing importance but involves with it vital national issues and seeks to vindicate and establish the immutable principles of justice and freedom."

MR. GANDHI.

Mr. M. K. Gandhi, addressing the assembly, said that at the outset he wished to make it perfectly clear that the beginning of the struggle going on in the Kaira District was not due to any outside agitation but was entirely due to the people of that district themselves. He repudiated the allegation made by some officials that the origin of that struggle was due to Home Rulers, and he declared that the movement owed its inception entirely to the agriculturists of the district. Of course the *Satyagraha* movement was not started by them but they took the preliminary steps which led to the inauguration of that movement. He (the speaker) had never in life taken part in any movement calculated to embarrass the Government, and he would never do so in all his life. But the movement in the Kaira District was of a different character, and when the agriculturists put them the plain question whether or not they would have the assistance of the Hon. Mr. Parekh, the Hon. Mr. Patel and himself, they undertook to make enquiries, to find out the real truth. He would say that he had never witnessed any other movement in which so many representations and applications were made or so many enquiries made by so many persons as in this case. Enquiries were made by the Hon. Mr. Parekh, the Hon. Mr. Patel and the members of a reputedly sober association like the Gujarat Sabha, and they showed that there was real distress in the Kaira District and that the crop there was less than four anna. No stone was left unturned to make the officials realise the situation. He (the speaker) himself saw a large number of officials in the matter. But all that proved of no avail and they found that there was no other course left open but *Satyagraha*.

NOT A PROSPEROUS FOLK.

Continuing, Mr. Gandhi said the fight for *Satyagraha* required heroism for its maintenance, and those who went through it emerged purer and nobler beings than before. It could not be sustained by men who had no just and righteous cause to fight for, for nobody would be prepared to go through all the hardships which the practice of *Satyagraha* involved unless he felt that it was a just and righteous cause that he was doing all that for. In the fight for *Satyagraha* a whole-hearted insistence on truth was essential and nobody could make that fight for a cause which had no truth at its back. And the grand thing about this *Satyagraha* fight in the Kaira District was the participation in it not only of the men but of the women of Kaira. (Loud cheers). He had witnessed wonderful scenes at meetings held in the villages of the District, where those heroic women declared that their farms and cattle might be taken away and they might have to undergo any number of hardships but they would never allow the men to break their vow of *Satyagraha* (cheers). *Satyagraha* was really a grand fight. The people of Kaira were of Khshatriya descent and they would have willingly helped Government in their difficulties in the present war.

Proceeding Mr. Gandhi said it was incorrect to say that the agriculturists of the Kaira District were in a prosperous condition. These people kept very little cash and there was very little of grain in their stores, and how could anybody say that the agriculturists of Kaira were in a prosperous conditions. The rich people of the city of Bombay would have easily paid the money that the Government demanded from the agriculturists. But that would have been no real remedy. For the agriculturists knew that this, while it would relieve the situation for the present, would not prevent a recurrence of such things in the future. And so they resolved to undergo any number of hardships and sacrifices so that they might not have to bear them in the future. Mr. Pratt had said that if he granted the request of the agriculturists in the Kaira District, people in other parts of the country would also make a similar demand for suspension and remission of revenue in their districts That exactly was what he (the speaker) wanted to happen and it was for that reason that he advocated *Satyagraha;* and the people with all respect told Government that their officials should be just and fair towards the agriculturists in the valuation of crops and they would willingly pay the revenue. By the practice of *Satyagraha* they did not wish to embarras the Government. The rich people of Bombay had offered to pay the money, but the agriculturists, while thanking them for their generous offer, declared that if they did not bear the sufferings on this occasion they would lose for ever the golden key. He desired the rich people of Bombay to go to their villages, and have conversation with them. He asked those present to ponder deeply over the question of *Satyagraha*. They wished in no way to be disrespectful to Government. All that they desired to do was to rouse the sense of justice and fairness of the Government He concluded by asking them to practise *Satyagraha*.

BOMBAY'S SYMPATHY.

Mr. B. G. Tilak then moved:—

"That this public meeting of the citizens of Bombay having heard the statement of Mr. M. K. Gandhi regarding the agricultural situation in the Kaira District desire to offer their sympathy and support to the Kaira cultivators against unreason and injustice on the part of the local authority and urges the Government either to grant the request of the people for suspension of the collection of revenue assessed for the year or to grant an impartial inquiry to investigate the question of the extent of the failure of the crops."

Mr. Tilak said the question was not one concerning the farmers in the Kaira district alone. Some years ago—in 1896—a similar situation had arisen in the Kolaba District, and they had there at that time, the same Mr. Pratt and Mr. (now Sir James.) Duboulay to deal with. At that time the peasants were prosecuted and many of them evicted. Therefore, wherever a famine occurred they had to deal with a situation of a similar nature. What the Government said was, although the land might have belonged to the regat from times immemorial, even long before the British ever came to India, they could confiscate it if the revenue were not paid for one year. The Government evicted the farmer and sent him begging in the streets. They were indifferent whether the land gave a proper return or not, they were concerned with their revenue alone. The question was decided by the Famine Commission in this manner—they said that revenue should be suspended in a lean year. That was what the men in Kaira asked of the Government. What Mr. Pratt said was that he alone had the right to determine whether there was a good crop or not, and he alone was to decide whether they (the ryots) should be given a remission or not. If he decided that there was no necessity for giving a remission, the farmers could be chucked into the streets. But what the people said was that there should be an independent commission to determine this difficult question, for the people had no faith in the impartiality of the officials. That simple question had now become a very complex one on account of the attitude of Mr. F. G. Pratt. Impartial judges were of the opinion that the crops in Kaira were not more than four annas in the rupee and that there should be a remission of revenue. If the ryots did not succeed in the passive resistance they had undertaken, the officials who already thought so much of themselves, would think more and more of themselves, and try to defeat the ryots in the fair fight they had begun. They should support the resolution in order to hearten up their countrymen in distress in the district of Kaira. (Cheers.)

MR. JAMNADAS.

Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas supporting the resolution said that in the resolution put before the meeting it was asked of the Government either to suspend the collection of revenues or to appoint a committee, and to declare its results after an impartial inquiry. That request was not unjust. The officials asserted that the yield of the crops was over six annas, whereas the ryots and Mr. Gandhi had stated that they were less than four annas. Mr. Jamnadas then related the whole history of the Kaira distress culminating at last in the the Passive Resistance movement and the taking of the Passive Resistance vow by 2,500 cultivators, and referred to the reprehensible attitude of Mr. Pratt, the Commissioner of the Northern Division, and the whole audience showed its disgust when the speaker spoke of the threats held out by Mr. Pratt of confiscating the lands of the Passive Resisters continuing. Mr. Jamnadas said that the principle involved in the present struggle was this:—The peasants, claimed that the crops had been less than four annas and they were entitled to suspension. This view was supported more or less by Mr. Patel, Mr. Parekh, the Gujarat Sabha, three members of the Servants of India Society and finally by Mr. Gandhi who had made detailed inquiry with the actual condition of crops. On the other hand the Commissioner, who certainly has no right to claim infallibility so long as he is nothing more than a human being asserted that the crops were more than six annas. It was impossible that the peasants, the honorable members of the council and Mr. Gandhi should tell a lie, well it was at least the right of the peasants under these circumstances to appeal to the authority higher than the Commissioner at least to appoint an independent committee. If to this the higher authority replied that there was no appeal, in spite of the statements of responsible men on the popular side after inquiry, against the decision of the Commissioner, then, if the peasants acquiesced in quiet submission, they would be reduced to the position of serfs and not free-men. That was the principle involved in the struggle and and render the latter and their children homeless.

The Government alleged that this agitation was set up by Home Rulers, but he would remind them—and no official would dare to say—that what Mr. Gandhi was doing, he was not doing without due investigation, and was doing wrong purposely. (Cheers). He strongly repudiated the allegation that Home Rulers were inflaming ryots, in order to harass the Government. The Home Rulers, knowing the distress of the ryots, were going to render them that assistance which they deserved. A true Home Ruler was he who, disregarding all personal hardships, would protect the poor. (Cheers). The speaker then said that in his visit to the Kaira District he had found the Kaira ryots to be really brave persons. They were not afraid of death even, (Hear, hear), because they knew that their cause was just, and Mr Gandhi had taught them how to stick to truth. Their request was either to appoint an impartial committee or to suspend the collection of revenues, and concluded by pointing out the absurdity and unfairness of the procedure adopted by the Government officials in confiscating lands worth about ten to fifteen thousand rupees of each person, for the sake of a revenue of 15 to 20 rupees due from each. If a Government dared to confiscate land worth ten to fifteen thousand rupees for revenue worth fifteen to twenty rupees from about three thousand persons. Then such a Government could hardly have any justification for its existence. Then the talk of fighting for the sake of justice and preservation of the rights of smaller nations, was a myth. The laws made by man could be changed, or ignored but the Divine law was immutable and those who broke it would not escape evil consequences. (Hear, hear.) He urged as a conscientiously loyal subject of the Government to do its sacred and true duty, and if it, still did not shake off its obstinacy, they would all do what Passive Resistance could do and continue the agitation. So that the Government officials might be prevented for committing a wrong, which would not only discredit the British Government in India, but make it the object of the world's criticism it especially at the present moment.

AN EYEWITNESS.

Mr. M. Subedar in supporting the resolution said he had been to Kaira and seen the condition with his own eyes. The question was not one of payment of a small sum of Rs. 4,000. They all knew, even Mr. Pratt; that a great principle was involved in this matter. In former times the question of revenue was decided by a *panch*, but now Mr. Pratt in all his insolence, his isolation, and his continuancy said he had all the authority of the Government at his back, and what he thought was right, he would do without any regard, to the consequences. Mr. Pratt said Mr. Gandhi knew nothing about land revenue, and that he had no right to interfere in this matter. Some officials said that Government was very brilliant to Mr. Gandhi in not putting him into jail and thus shut his mouth; but they must all remember these were not the times of old tyrants. Who could do anything they liked. To evict a man from his land was not an easy thing. He would tell them that the people of the whole presidency were at their back and would see them through their difficulties and would never forsake them.

The resolution was carried with acclamation.

Mr. B. G. Horniman then moved:—

"That this meeting condemns the attitude adopted by the Hon. Mr. Pratt in his speech at Nadiad on the 12th instant and the threat used therein of perpetual exclusion against those who refused to pay the revenue and their heirs, and urges upon the Government the necessity of calling upon Mr. Pratt to withdraw the same."

A NEW MENACE.

Mr. Horniman said as Mr. Gandhi and Mrs. Sarojini Naidu had told them the struggle in the Kaira District was not one of mere local interest but of national interest. It involved wide and vital issues. The particular matter with which the resolution he had to move dealt, was a matter which was the outcome of the struggle in the Kaira district, and which in itself raised wide, national and vital issues. If they were to pass by quietly—this monstrous pronouncement of Mr. Pratt,—they would cease to have any claim in India to demand the status of self-governing and self-respecting people. It was ironical and a strange phenomenon that at a time when people were demanding everywhere the establishment of the principles of self-determination, and fighting for the destruction and abolition of autocracy and bureaucratic tyranny, they found a new menace appearing on the horizon, which was something worse than the menace of the bureaucrat worse than that of the autocrat but which they would have to call by the name of the Auto-Pratt. (Loud laughter and cheers.)

CLAIM TO DIVINE POWERS.

Mr. Pratt was not content merely with the powers of an autocrat; he was not content merely with the powers of a bureaucrat, even when re-inforced by a most extraordinary letter from Lord Willingdon giving him *carte blanche* and support in whatever he did or said. Mr. Pratt was not content with all that. He wanted to assume to himself powers which they could only call divine. He was not content with saying that he would confiscate the people's land, but he added that they would never be allowed to come back, neither they nor their wives nor their children. He would like to ask by what possible distorted conception of duty Mr. Pratt could say that he would not only exclude the ryots now but they and their children for ever They must tell Mr. Pratt, that although he might be the Commissioner now, a Mr. Flatt, or a Mr. Matt might succeed him to-morrow and change his decision and there was the British Parliament itself in England to whom even Lord Willingdon, to say nothing of Mr. Pratt, would have to be responsible for his actions and no House of Commons and not even the House of Lords, would allow an official to claim to exercise powers or to claim that Government could exercise powers which had never been claimed in written word on this earth except by the tribal God of the Hebrews (Cheers and Laughter.) What was it that Mr. Pratt claimed for himself? That his word, his opinion was absolutely inviolable and there could be no appeal from it. Even the Pope of Rome hardly claimed such infallibility.

THEORY OF "MA-BAPISM."

He knew there was a theory of Ma-Bapism" in connection with Government, in this country. But Mr. Pratt did not understand its ethics. It only applied as long as the people thought that the Government were their "Ma-Bap." Mr. Pratt could not constitute himself "Ma-Bap" by thinking himself to be "Ma-Bap." If a man came to him (the speaker) and said "You are my father and my mother and you can do everything for me," he might not be inclined to contradict him. But if a man came with a big stick and said "I am *Your* father and your mother and if you don't do as I tell you I shall thrash you." he would hotly contest the position (Laughter.) That was the difference Mr. Pratt must learn to understand—that the Government was and could only be the "Ma-Bap" of the people by their consent and could not be made so by threats and chastisement (Loud Cheers.) They were not going to accept Mr. Pratt's theory of the Government being their "Ma-Bap." The Government could only be "Ma-Bap", so long as they respected the sentiments and wishes of the people.

SWAN-SONG OF TYRANNY.

The whole country must take up this challenge seriously, but paradoxical as it might seem, he would ask them not to be unduly alarmed by the appearance of this new disease of auto-prattism. When the swan was dying it sang in the last moments of life with a vitality and intensity it had never known before. Bureaucracy was dying in India. It was heaving its last moments and Mr. Pratt's ecstatic claim to divine powers was evidently the swan song of bureaucratic tyranny. (Loud cheers and laughter.)

WHO ARE OFFICIALS?

Mr. M. R. Jayakar seconding the resolution said that anybody who read Mr. Pratt's speech knew the nature of his speech, and the resolution condemned it. Mr. Pratt's speech signified important principles. "Ma-Bap" Sirkar meant a Government which was full of kindness and generosity towards its subjects. Mr. Pratt's speech converted it into one full of repression and coercion. Mr. Pratt wanted to command, and threatened that those who disobeyed would be chastised. He (Mr. Pratt) further said that Government officials meant Government and identified himself with the Government. This sort of principle could never be agreed to and deserved strong condemnation.

Mr. N. B. Vibhakar supporting the resolution said that if the Kaira question was of a local importance they would not have cared for it so much, but the principles that were expounded by Mr. Pratt challenged Mr. Lloyd George, the House of Commons and the Parliament. Mr. Pratt must bear in mind that he was the servant of the public, of the poorest subject of Kaira District and that he received remuneration for his services. This bird of passage put it down that the lands of those agriculturists who did not pay the revenue would be confiscated and that the names of their descendants would never be recorded in Government records. It was time that Mr. Pratt resigned his post and bade adieu to this country.

The resolution was carried.

It was then resolved to authorise the President to send copies of the resolutions to H. E. the Viceroy and H. E. the Governor.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

It is understood that in future no information will be made public regarding the date of departure of mail steamers from Bombay.

TALES OF THE V. C.

III.—SECOND-LIEUT REGINALD LEONARD HAINE, H. A. C.

By LIEUT. J. P. LLOYD.

(Special for "The Bombay Chronicle".)

Second-Lieut. Haine was in charge of a company which held a dangerous salient on the extreme left of the battalion front. During the whole of the time the company were under direct observation, and suffered severely from heavy rifle and machine-gun fire from a German strong point a little distance away. The enemy, in addition, made several strong counter-attacks, both from the front and from a flank. Had these succeeded, they would have compelled the British to withdraw from the salient, possibly with the loss of the troops defending it.

Not content merely to defend his position, Second-Lieut. Haine in the course of one morning organised no less than six bombing attacks against a stong point in a German trench, which was holding up the advance of the British along it. Eventually he succeeded in capturing it, in spite of stout resistance. Its garrison of fifty men surrendered, and two machine guns were put out of action.

Shortly afterwards the Germans counter-attacked with a battalion of the Prussian Guards, and, after a desperate struggle, regained possession of their original line.

Darkness fell without any further change in the position. During the night Second-Lieut. Haine built barricades in the trench, and held off all attacks until dawn.

The next morning, he advanced to the attack once more, and with bombs and rifle grenades forced the Germans back traverse by traverse. The strong point was soon once more in British hands, and twenty survivors of its garrison surrendered. Second-Lieut. Haine pursued the retreating Germans still further, and compelled them to withdraw fully five hundred yards along the trench. Here he finally secured and consolidated his left flank.

Throughout the whole course of the operations he showed high qualities of leadership and brilliant judgment. In addition, his personal courage and example nerved his men to fresh efforts, although they were exhausted by two days and nights of almost continuous fighting.

ALL-INDIA WAR CONFERENCE

COMMITTEES TO REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

SIMLA, April 23.

Their Excellencies the Viceroy and the Commander-in-Chief with their respective staffs, and all the members of the Executive Council are proceeding from Simla to take part in the war conference which meets in the Secretariat Council Chamber at Delhi next Saturday morning. The Viceroy will deliver an address, and resolutions will be moved, the proceedings probably occupying about four hours.

Committees to discuss the resolutions will also be formed and will submit their reports on Monday morning (29th), when the Conference will proceed to pass the resolutions.

The Council Chamber is being rearranged to accommodate the large assembly expected.

The following gentlemen have been invited on the recommendation of the Madras Government by the Viceroy to attend the Conference as representing Madras Presidency:—Hon. Mr. Gillman, Hon. Dewan Bahadur P. Rajagopala Chariar Hon. Prince of Arcot, Sir P. S. Sivaswamy Iyer, Hon. Raja of Bobbili, Dr. T. M. Nair, Dewan Bahadur P. Ramarayaningar, Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Iyer and Mr. S. Kasturiranga Iyengar.

Sir Bernard Hunter has also been invited and he has left for Delhi.

INDIA AND SELF-DETERMINATION.

MR. TILAK CRITICISES PROPOSED VICEROY'S CONFERENCE.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MADRAS, April 22.

Last evening, Mr. Tilak addressed an open-air meeting at Gouri Vilas on the present political situation, Mrs. Besant presiding. After referring to the situation of the war, he criticised the constitution of the proposed Viceroy's conference. He did not know why Ruling Chiefs were included in it. He said the members of the conference being nominated by local Governments it would be their duty to abide by the desire of Government. He asked if the public were to accept it. Even the presence of the present president of the Congress, he said, was not wanted. Continuing, he said self-determination was granted even to German colonies and there was no reason why that self-determination should not be granted to India, unless it were to enable the bureaucracy to tyrannise the country. It was the duty of every Indian, he said, to fight and see after the war that India got self-determination. If they were asked to fight, it must be to fight for their Motherland, not for the land of exploitation. They desired to be treated as men on a footing of equality and wanted also the minimum powers fixed in the Congress-Muslim League scheme. On these lines they should enter a strong protest at the conference and they should not take any false step.

Mr. Tilak left last night for Poona.

NAGPUR'S SUPPORT TO WAR CONFERENCE.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

NAGPUR, April 23.

At a public meeting held under the auspices of the Provincial Congress Committee, Provincial Association, Home Rule League and the Moslem League this evening in the Town Hall, Dr. B. S. Moonji presiding, resolutions assuring cheerfully response to the Viceroy's invitation for co-operation by concentrating all available resources of the country towards the successful prosecution of the war, and deeming its duty to inform His Excellency of the intensity of feeling in the country on the subject of Indian reforms, placing its people on the same footing as other self-governing dominions of the British Empire, were proposed and carried unanimously.

Dr. Moonji is leaving to-morrow for Delhi to attend the conference of 27th

INDIAN CHIEFS TO BE PRESENT.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

SIMLA, April 23.

Though, replies to His Excellency the Viceroy's invitation to attend the conference at Delhi on Saturday are not yet complete, it is certain that the gathering will include a number of important and influential Chiefs, nearly all the non-official members of the Viceroy's Legislative Council and numerous representatives nominated by provincial governments.

Proceedings of the Conference will open at the Council Hall, Delhi, at 10-30 on Sunday morning. Arrangements for the accommodation of delegates are being made by the Chief Commissioner, Delhi, the Curzon House, Alipur House, Malfe House and in some of the bungalows available.

FIRST SIND STUDENTS' CONVENTION.

Mr. Jeramdas Doulatram Alimandant has consented to preside over the convention, which will sit on the 3rd, 4th and 5th proximo at Sukkur. All bonâ fide students, who have passed V. Standard can become delegates.

Indian mails of 9th March were delivered in London on 19th instant.

The special Indian wheat forecast shows an increase compared with last year of eight per cent. in the area and three and a half per cent. in the yield.

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Other precautions were also devised against gas attacks. Gongs or Horns were put up in the trenches to give immediate warnings of approaching gas-waves; fans were served out for driving the sluggish vapours away from the ground, and impregnated blankets were hung up at the entrances of dug-outs, where men were resting. Horses, too, were thought of, and special gas helmets were provided for those likely to be in a gassed area.

For a long time after the introduction of gas no special training was officially laid down for the observance of precautions. The helmets were served out to all men in the firing line, and company officers were expected to see that they were used as often as necessary. Gradually, however, experience in the trenches showed that much might be done to avoid the evil effects of gas by more systematic methods. Instructions in the signs of an impending gas attack could be given, a regular code of alarms which would be at once recognized, was introduced, and it was found that a little training soon enabled the men to put on their helmets with the least possible delay and to work or fight in them for considerable periods without suffering much inconvenience. When these methods had been thoroughly tested in France, training in anti-gas measures was gradually introduced into the curriculum of recruits at home. In May 1916 this training was first introduced in England and since October 1916 its value has been so fully recognized that from the outest of his career as a recruit, the soldier now has to devote a certain period every week to training in anti-gas measures.

The two chief objects.

The two chief objects of gass-drill, corresponding to those of every form of disciplinary training, are first to make a man so quick at doing what is necessary that he develops an almost instinctive habit of adopting the right precautionary measures, and secondly to give him complete confidence in the equipment provided for him. To secure the first object, he is drilled in proper methods of carrying his anti-gas equipment, according to whether he is outside or inside the possible gas area. He is taught, on the sound of the alarm, to put on his box respirator as rapidly as possible and, before he has finished his course, he is expected to be able to do it in 30 seconds. Moreover, since his box-respirator may get out of order, he carries one of the old pattern flannelette helmets as well, and he is shown how to change one for the other during a gas attack, holding his breath the while to avoid danger from the poison. He is also instructed in the use of alarm horns and fans, when they may be necessary, and is practised in carrying out his normal work of marching, drilling or shooting with the gas mask on, so as to accustom him to its use in action. To achieve the second object of giving the man confidence in his equipment, he attends lectures explanatory of the forms of gas used and of the best way of avoiding their ill effects; and he is also given a practical illustration of the efficiency of his equipment. Before any man is allowed to leave for the front, the box-respirator, which is to use there, is served out to him, and with its protection he is sent through a chamber charged with poisonous gas. Even this long course of drill is not considered enough; for, at the base camp overseas, every member of a draft has to go through a gas-chamber with his respirator on, before he is allowed into the trenches.

So much for the ordinary private. The officers and the N. C. O.'s, who are responsible for anti-gas instruction and will have to see that all possible precautions are taken at the front, have to undergo more specialized training at anti-gas schools which are now established in every home command. Here more technical lectures are given and a more elaborate approximation to conditions of a gas attack at the front are possible. Offensive as well as defensive measures in connection with the use of gas are taught, and at the end of each short course the officers and N. C. O.'s should be fully qualified to see to the safety of their men.

The training of soldiers has been gradually expanded in many directions since the war began, for 'anti-gas measures' in only one of many new subjects introduced into the recruits' course. And with the increase of knowledge required the time available for training is naturally much shorter than before the war. It has only been possible to secure proficiency in so many branches by careful organisation of the time allowed, by careful selection of good instructors and above all by a thorough grounding in the principles of drill and discipline, which are applicable to every subject, in which training is given. The careful instruction given in anti-gas measures has certainly not been wasted. Owing to the practice, now universal at the front, of at once adopting the prescribed precautions, the terrors of gas have been to a large extent eliminated. A gas-attack causes a good deal of inconvenience, no doubt, since the use of gas masks tends to impede movement, but the number of serious cases of gas poisoning has been enormously reduced, since every soldier has learned instinctively how to avoid the dangers.

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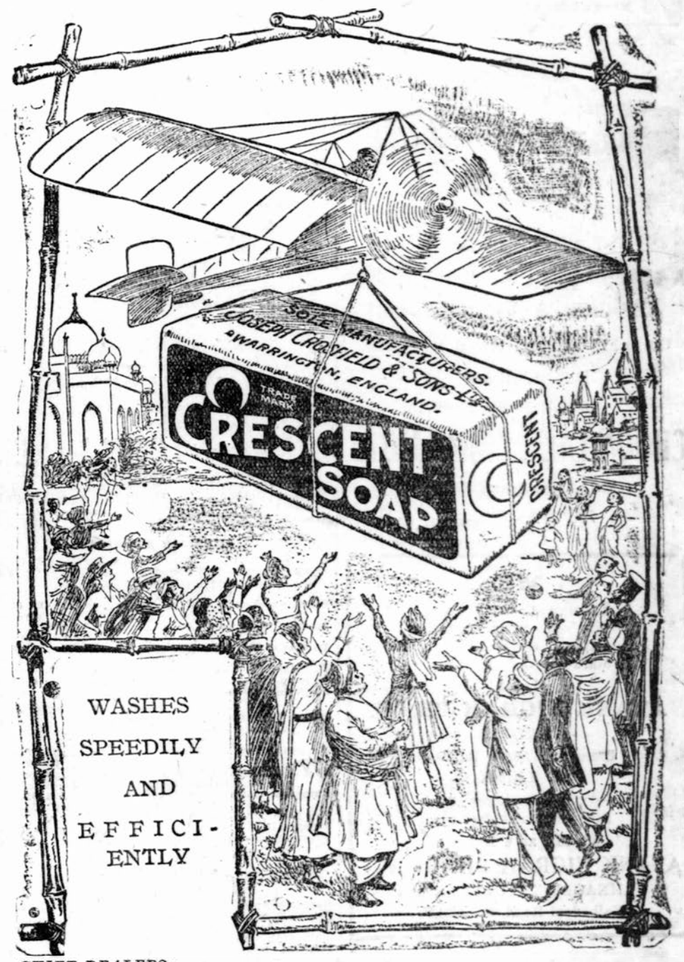

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BOMBAY MARKETS.

COTTON.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

Liverpool, April 22nd.

				Bales.
Total Day's Sales at Liverpool				3,000
" " Sales on Spec. & for Exp.				...
" " Sales of East Indian				650
" " Imports				4,000
Mid. Americans Spot Trading value				23.01
Egyptian F.G.F. Spot				30.56
New York 10-30 a.m. (As known in Liverpool at closing time.)	May			28.76
	July			28.53
New Orleans opening 9-30 a.m.	May			28.25
	July			27.58

OPENING TONE AND PRICES.

Liverpool, April 22nd.

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES:—

New Contracts.

Months.	To-day's price.
April	Not quoted.
May	22.29+49
June	21.76+26
July	21.60+38
Aug.	21.35+39

Old Contracts.

Months.	To-day's price.	
April,	21.85	
April-May,	21.77	+42
May-June,	21.69	
June-July,	21.61	

Prices taken at 10-10 a.m. nearest actual values.

CLOSING PRICES.

Liverpool, April 22nd.

New Contracts.

Months.	To-day's price.
April	23.19+89
May	22.57+76
June	22.19+69
July	21.81+59
August	21.46+50

Old Contracts.

Months.	To-day's price.	
April	21.65	
April-May	21.57	+21
May-June	21.49	
June-July	21.41	

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

Liverpool, April 22nd.

New Contracts.

Months.	To-day's price.
April	29.25
June	28.75 Unchgd.
July	28.55

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS.

Liverpool, April 22nd.

M.G. Bengal Good	17.46
" " Fully Good	17.95
" " Fine	18.33
No. 1 Oomra Good	18.94
" " Fully Good	19.44
" " Fine	19.81
Broach Good	21.71
" Fully Good	21.96
" Fine	22.21
Scinde Good	17.46
" Fully Good	17.96
" Fine	18.33

BANK OF ENGLAND.

London, Thursday, April 18th.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—

	£		£
Total Bullion	61,000,000	Inc.	600,000
Public Deposits	40,000,000	Dec.	100,000
Other do.	138,200,000	Inc.	6,000,000
Govt. Securities	58,300,000	Inc.	1,400,000
Other do.	106,000,000	Inc.	3,900,000
Notes and Gold	31,600,000	Inc.	600,000

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AMERICAN MARKETS.

New York, April 17th:

Day's Receipts at all U. S. Ports			9,000
" Exports to Great Britain			Nil
" to Continent			Nil
Futures at New York May			29.90-92
" July			29.47+88
Spot Cotton at New York		31.50	Unchgd.
" Orleans		33.00	
Futures at New Orleans May			29.34+91
" July			28.43+91
Fair Rio Coffee (No. 7 quality)			9
Demand Bills			4.75.50
Silver Commercial Bars			95½

New York, April 18th:

Day's Receipts at all U. S. Ports			1,000
" Exports to Great Britian			Nil
" to Continent			Nil
Futures at New York May			28.80—1.10
" July			28.38—1.09
Spot Cotton at New York			30.30—1.20
" Orleans			33.00 Unchgd.
Futures at New Orleans May			28.09—1.25
" July			27.24—1.19
Fair Rio Coffee (No. 7 quality)			9
Demand Bills			4.75.50
Silver Commercial Bars			95½

MONEY MARKET.

London, April 18th:

Bar Silver Spot		47 1/4
Closing Tone of Silver:—Fair business, quiet.		
Discount Bank of England Rate 5 per cent since 5th April, 1917		
Discount Bank Bills 3 m/st		3 9/16
" Indian Bank Bills 6 m/st.		3 1/2
" Fine Trade Bills' 3 months		4 1/4
" " " 6 "		4 5/8
Interest day to day loans		2 3/4
" 7 day market loans		3 1/4
Consols 2½ %	55½	Unchgd.
Rupee Paper 3½ % Nominal	44	
Indian Stock 3½ % Sterling Loan	62½	
Government Securities 3%	54	
Ex. On London at Paris Francs	27 17	

WAR LOANS.

London, April 18th:

3½ % 1925—1928	£86½	Unchgd.
4½ % 1925—1945	£101	
5% New	£94½	

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

London, April 18th:

RAPESEEDS:

Rapeseed, Ferozepore usual Bold Afloat Value	590
Tone of Rapeseed:—Firm.	
Tone of Linseed:—Firm but inactive.	
Toria Rapeseed Afloat Value	600

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Linseed Calcutta. Value	595

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Standard Copper G.M.B. Nominal	£110½
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Raw Java Nos. 16/18 C. & F. Calcutta April-May Buyers	16
do. do. July-Sept. Buyers	16
Fine White Java, C. & F. Calcutta Apl.-May Buyers	18/6
do. do. July-Sept. Buyers	19

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Para Rubber Fine Hard Cure May-June Sellers	3/1½
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BOMBAY MARKETS.

COTTON.

(From our Commercial Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, April 23.

This morning the nominal quotations for for Good Broach April were Rs. 712 Exchange and Rs. 715 Association. Fine Broach May was quoted Rs. 732. The Marwadi bazaar opened at Rs. 712 for Good Broach April and Rs. 732 for Fine Broach May, and the latter soon advanced to Rs. 734. At Colaba business was done in Good Broach at Rs. 712, and in Fine Broach May at Rs. 730 up to the time of our quotations, the tone of the market being irregular.

For ready cotton the demand has been very moderate but the tone has been steady.

QUOTATIONS 6 P. M.

Good Broach	April		Rs.	712
Fine Broach	May		"	730
Fine Khamgaon Akola	"		"	675
Fully Good Bengal	"		"	670
Good Sawglined Dharwar	May/June		"	703
" M. G. Coompta	"		"	707
" " Westerns	"		"	685

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QUOTATIONS 23RD APRIL, 1918.

Growths.	Superfine.	Fine	F.G.	G.d.	Delivery.
M.G. Bengals	640	625	565	515	Ready.
M.G. Sind Punjab	630	620	560		"
M.G. Wardha Hinganghat		680	670		"
M.G. Nagpore		680	670		"
M.G. Yeotmal		680			"
M.G. Dhamangaon Pulgaon		670			"
M.G. Amraoti		670			"
M.G. Khamgaon Akola Fair staple		665	645		"
M.G. Khandesh			610		"
M.G. Muthia		620	595		"
M.G. Kadi Viramgam			710	700	"
M.G. Broach	735	725	720	715	"

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Growths.	Super fine	Fine	Fully Good	Good.	Delivery.
Bengals (M.G.)	630	615	555	515	Ready
Seinde-Punjab (M.G.)	630	615	555	..	Ready
Khandesh (M.G.)	..	..	605	..	Ready
Akola Khamg Fair-Stapl-M.G.	..	655	635	..	Ready
Broach (M.G.)	735	725	720	715	Ready
Kadi (M.G.) Viramgam	..	..	715	..	Ready
Mathia (M.G.)	..	625	600	..	Ready

*** RECEIPTS.**

The following are the receipts of cotton produce, etc., for the 48 hours ending 6 p.m., on 22nd April 1918.

Cotton	17,939 bales.
Wheat	21 606 cwts.
Linseed	6,894 "
Rape, &c.	2,620 "
Gingellyseed	33 "
Poppyseed	Nil
Groundnuts	166 "
Castorseed	11 744 "
Rice	23 951 "
Myrabollams	7 "
Cottonseed	Nil
Mowrasseed	Nil
Gram	3,386 "
Jowar	1,629 "
Maize	347 "
Barley	1,800 "

*These do not includes arrivals by sea which are not available.

WHEAT AND SEEDS.

The following are to-day's closing rates as issued by the Marwari Chamber of Commerce.

Bombay, April 23rd 1918,—4 p.m.

	Bazar Terms. Rs	as	Rail Delivery. p	Rs
Wheat, White Delhi 70-30	53	8 0	7	8 0
" Cawnpore 70-30	53	0 0	7	8 0
" Karachi Bandra	53	8 0	7	8 0
Rapeseed, Brown Delhi	7	1 0	7	7 0
" Cawnpore	7	0 0	7	6 0
" Yellow Cawnpore	7	0 0	7	6 0
Linseed, Brown Bold	8	1 0	8	7 0
" Thin	7	11 0	8	1 0
Teelseed, White 85.15	61	0 0		---
" Gajar 75.25	55	0 0		---
" Gajar 50.50	44	0 0		---
" Black	50	0 0		---
Poppyseed, White	3	12 0	9	2 0
Groundnuts	43	0 0		---
Mowrassed	5	0 0	5	6 0
Barley	25	0 0	5	0 0
Castorseed	48	0 0	9	10 0

Forward:

	Rs.	as.	p.
Wheat April-May	7	1	9
Linseed May	8	10	9

BOMBAY EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

Bombay April 23rd 1918.

	Market Rates.
Bank Telegraphic	1 5 15/16
" Demand	1 6 1
Doc. Acceptance 3m/s	1 6 7
Fcs. Demand	264
American Dollars	279
Hongkong	209
Shanghai	295½
Japan	146½
Singapore	156½

MONEY AND SHARE MARKETS.

BULLION.

Bar Gold Rs. 27-4.
Sovereign Rs. 16-12-6.
Silver ready Ex-duty Rs. 111-2.
Silver 1st Sett. Rs. 111-2.

EXCHANGE.

Bank Tel. Transfer 1/5 31/32.
Bank Demand Draft 1/6 1/16.
3 months Sight Drafts 1/6 7/16.
Bank Demand on France Fr. 204.
3 Months Sight Francs Fr. 212.
D. D. on Hongkong Rs. 205-4.
D. D. on Shanghai Rs. 292.
T. T. on Japan Rs. 147-8.
60 Days Sight Japan Rs. 143-4.
Bank Demand on New York Rs. 279.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

The following are the nominal rates:—
5 per cent. War loan 1929-47 91-8.

EX-WARRANT.

5½ per cent War Bonds 1920-22 98-8.
4 per cent. Conversion loan 80.
4 per cent. Terminable loan 92.
3½ per cent. Paper 65.
4½ per cent. Port Trust long dated due 1926 88.
4 per cent. Port Trust long dated 76.
4 per cent. Municipal long dated 76.
4 per cent. Municipal short dated 78.
4 per cent. Bombay City Improvement Trust long dated 78.
5 per cent. Municipal Tansa 90.
5 per cent. Municipal Sanitary 90.
The following are the Bank rates:—
Bank of Bombay 6 per cent.
Bank of Bengal 6 per cent.
Bank of Madras 7 per cent.

SHARES.

The share market was steady and a fair amount of business was done.

The following are the closing rates of the Bombay Stock Exchange:—

Standards 1,720, Simplex 722-8, Pearls 522-8, Morarji 2,800, Madhavji 1,900, Kohinoor 1,1 Kasturchand 1,140, Ind. Malwa 327-8, Ind. Bleeching 155, Fazulbhoy 720, David 520, Currimbhoy 325, Crescent 216-4, Century 380.

Nagpur 2,412-8, Bombay United 750, Advance 1,140, Tata Ordy. 240, Tata old Deferred 1,035, Bombay Burma 1,082-8, Tata Mill 800, Tata Hydro. 1,185.

The following are the closing rates of the New Stock Exchange:—

Swan 450, Simplex 720, New Greats 282-12, Morarji 3,000, M. Petit 1,950, Luxmi Cotton 1,506, Kohinoor 1,165, Finlay 412-12, Crescent 215, Century 375, Nagpur 2,412-12, Bombay United 755, Bombay Dyeing 1,030, Tata Ordy. 238-12, Tata New Deferred 320 Prem. Bombay Burma 1,082-12, Bombay Steam 292-12 Tata Hydro. 1,180.

BANKS.

Names and Amount paid up.	Face value.	Div. Paid.	Last Div.	Quotations nett to buyers.
INDIAN BANKS:	Rs.			Rs.
Allahabad Bank	100	Feb-Aug.	18%	316
Alliance Bank	100	Jan.-Aug.	14%	320
Bk of Baroda Rs. 50	100	Jan.-July.	11%	75
Bank of Bombay	500	--	18%	1,450
Bank of Bengal	500	Jan.-July	17%	1,675
Bank of India Rs. 50	100	do.	10%	80
Bank of Madras	500	--	12%	1,085
Central Bank Rs. 35	50	--	7%	28
Central Co-op. Bk.	50	--	6%	50
Standard Bk.	50	Jan.-July	Nil.	30
	50	do.	Nil.	38
EXCHANGE BKS.				
Chartered Bank	20	Apl.-Oct.	15%	880
Eastern Bank Ltd. £4	£10	do.	8%	70
Mercantile Bank £12½ A	25	Mar.-Sept.	12%	£281/2
£12½ B	26	do.	12%	£261/2
Hongkong & Shanghai Bk.	$ 125	--	33⅓	£80
National Bank £12½	£25	--	16%	£50

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES

Ahmedabad Advance	500	Apl.-Oct.	70		1,140
Bhiwani Cotton Mill	100	--	7%		102
Bombay Cotton	500	Nil.			605
Bombay Dyeing	250	Mar.-Sep.	80		1,025
Bombay United	250	--	40		750
Bradbury Mill	250	--	20		460
Century	100	Mar.-Sep.	20		380
Central India O	500	May-Nov.	100		2 412/8
Central India P	500	May.-Nov.	5%		410
China	1,000	Apl.-Oct.	Nil.		483
Colaba Land & Mill	700	--	40		1,160
Coorla	1,000	Mar.-Sept.	60		700
Crescent	100	do.	15		216/4
Carrimbhoy	250	Mar.-Sept.	20		325
David	250	do.	25		520
Edward Sassoon	200	May.-Nov.	10		202/8
Emperor Edward	500	--	35		575
Fazulbhoy	250	Mar.-Sep.	50		720
Framji Petit	1,000	May	40		1,440
Finlay	250	Apl.-Oct.	25		412/8
Gold Mohur	500	--	25		800
Globe	100	--	Nil.		80
Hindustan	1,000	--	30		825
Ryderabad	1,000	do.	50		1,500
Indian Dyeing	100	do.	12½		155
Indian Manufg.	1,000	--	25		89
Indo-China	1 000	Mar.-Sept.	50		750
Indore Malwa	100	Apl.-Oct.	20		327/8
Jamshed	250	Mar.-Sept.	Nil.		100
Jewraj Baloo	1,000	Apl.-Oct.	Nil.		300
Kasturchand	500	Mar.-Sept.	65		1,140
Khandesh	1,000	Apl.-Oct.	50		1,160
Khatao	1,000	June.-Dec.	100		2,750
Kohinoor	500	Mar.-Sep.	140	X.D	1,166
Lakshmi Cotton	1,000	Mar. Aug.	100		1,650
Madhowji Dharamsi	500	Apl.-Sept.	250		1,800
Madras United	1,000	June-Dec.	50		1,500
Manekji Petit	1,000	Mar-Sept.	50		2,000
Meyer Sassoon	100	Mar.-Sept.	Nil.		100
Morarji Goculdas	1,000	--	100		2,850
Mysore Spinning	250	Feb.-Aug.	15		420
Nawab of Cambay	500	Apl.-Oct.	20	nom	500
New Great Eastern	200	--	12		328/8
New City of Bom.	500	Apl.-Oct.	80	X.D.	1,000
Pearl	250	--	30		522/8
Phoenix	100	Mar.-Sept.	14		325
Presidency	125	Jan.-July	Nil.		170
Sas. on Cotton	1,000	Apl.-Oct.	Nil.		800
Sassoon Silk	500	April.	20	X.D.	560
Sholapore	1,000	do.	275		3,000
Sir Shapurji Broacha	100	--	Nil.		125
Simplex	250	June-Dec.	50	XD	722/8
Standard	500	Mar.-Sept.	120	XD	1,720
Swan	250	Oct.	20	XD	440
Swadeshi	500	Mar.-Oct.	100		2 020
Tata Mill O	500	--	--		800
Tata Mill P.	500	--	5½		490
Textile	500	Mar.-Sept.	120		2,025
Union	1,030	Apl.-Oct.	Nil.		200
Vishnu Cotton O	500	--	Nil.		550
Vishnu Cotton P.	500	--	70		620
Western India	1,000	--	25	X.D.	625

PRESS COMPANIES.

	Rs:		Rs.		Rs.
Akbar	750	May.	250		5,700
Albert Kurranchee	1,000	Nov.	45		850
Breul's Cawnpore	200	Aug.	8		190
Beliary Press	275	--	15		105
Broach City	200	Oct.	20		120
Fort	475	Nov.	50		850
Godavery Valley	100	--	6		40
Harvey and Sadapat	500	July.	40		625
Hindustan P. & M.	250	--	--		145
Hingolee	100	Sept.	6		105
Indian Cotton	125	Oct.	10		140
Jumna Ginge P. Co	1,000	--	7		705
Kurrachee Press	500	Jan.	40		850
Khamgaum	400	Sept.	Nil.		330
Mahmudpura Cts.	125	--	7		160
Mahuva	200	Oct.	Nil.		125
Mercantile	125	do.	Nil.		20
Manmar Mfg.	250	Aug.	15		225
New East Indian	1,000	Sept.	80		950
New Mofussil Co.	400	Nov.	50		320
New Bera	500	Oct.	40		530
New Prince of Wales	500	do.	50	X.D.	710
Sind	400	Nov.	Nil.		1,250
Surat City	200	Oct.	15		170
Volkart U P Co. Ltd	500	Sept.	30		500
Wadhwan S.P.F	150	--			100

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

Ahmedabad Dholka	100	Mar.-Aug.	4½%		93
Amritsar Patti	100	do.	6¼%		110
Ahmedabad Prantij	500	do.	6 %		500
Ahmedabad Prantij Debenture	500	do.	4½%	Par	525
*Central Provinces	100	an.-July.	5 %		90
*Dhond.—Baramati	100	do.	4½%		80
Guzerat	100	Jan.-June.	5½%		84
Hosiarpur Doab	100	do.	4%		75
Mandra Bhon Rs. 96	100	Apl.-Oct.	6%	X.D.	71
Pachora Jamur Rs 75	100	Jan.-July.	4%		65
Sara Sirajganj	100	May-Nov.	3½%		80
Sialkot Narowal	100	Feb.-Aug.	5%		88
*Sind Light	100	July.-Dec.	7%		125
Tapti Valley	500	Apl.-Aug.	5½%		535
Upper Sind Light	100	Jan.-July	6%		

MISCELLANEOUS COMPANIES.

Ahmedabad Electy	100	Jan.-July	4%		111
Alcock Ashdown Co	100	Jan.-May	100		750
All-India U. Co., Rs 20	100	Aug.	Rs. 1		
Bamankus	5	--	--		7
Back Bay Bath	50	--	6	nom	50
Badham Pile	70	June	--		100
Baroda Tram Co.	100	--	Nil.		40
Brick and Tile	100	--	--		105
Bri. Burma Pf.	5	Mar.-Oct.	5		8/8
Bombay Burma	125	Jan.-Aug.	15		1,082/8
B. E. S. & T. Co. Ltd.	150	Feb.-Aug.	6%		345
O P	150	--	10		166
Bombay Ice	40	--	Rs. 2		17
Bombay Flour	500	Jan.-Aug.	150		1,980
Bo. Land & Bldgs.	400		25		317/8
Bombay Steam O	200	Apl.-Oct.	20		292/8
Navigation P	200	Apl.-Oct.	6%		225
Bundi Cement Co.	10	Nov.-Oct.			21/8
Central M. Co., Ltd	10	April.	60%		33/8
City of Bo. Bldgs Co.	500	Dec.-Jan.	25		350
Delhi Flour	200	Sept.	5		100
Empire Life Rs. 50	500	--	42%		330
The Eastern O.	21	Nil.	Nil.		28
Chemical Co. P.	Rs.	Nil.	Nil.		30
Indian Cement Co	250	--	Nil.		312/8
Katni Cement O	100	--	17½		235
Katni Cement D	40	--	150		1,160
Katni Cement P	100	--	7%		197
Ind. Mercantile In. Co., Ltd., Rs. 20	100	Dec.	5½%		130
Indian Cotton Oil Co. Old 10 New	100	Dec.-July	7%		30
Indian Cotton Oil Co. O. Issue P. 150	150	Dec.-July	7%		
	200	March.	7%		215
John Roberts & Co.	100	Oct.-July	15		22
Jost's Eng. Co., Ltd.	50	Oct.	10%		55
Kemp & Co. Rs. 175	200	July	Rs. 18		165
Karachi Launch Rs. 75	200	--	Nil.		100
Marcks & Co.	100	July	5%		74
Mackenzie Saw Mills	100	--	Rs. 20		230
Marsland Price Co. O	100	--	6%	nom:	80
Marsland Price Co. P	100	--	7%		95
O. Govt., S. Life A. Rs. 50.	200	May.	30%		400
Phillips & Co.	40	July	11		68
Ports Canning Co.	1'000	Sept	45		715
Shivrajpur Syndeic.	10	--	15%		30
Sirdar Carbonic Gas	100	Mar.-Aug.	15%	nom:	75
Siddeley Ice Mfg. Co.	100	--	6		100
Tata Iron Steel O	75	Sept.	15%		240
Tata Iron Steel D	38	Sept.	165%		1,035
Co. P	150	Mar.-Sept	6%		147
Tata Hydro Elec. O	1'000	Jan.	8%		1,185
" " P.	1'000	Jan.	7%		1,045
Tata Hydro Deb. Com. P. S:	1'000	April-Oct	5½%		Prem
Thacker & Co	100	May	30%		205
elekpone Co	50	--	Rs. 6		200/190

BOMBAY AND CHINA YARN MARKET.

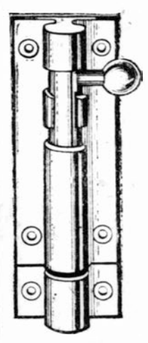
	Rate per lb.		
Davids No. 10	As. 15	--	15
Shapurji No. 10	" 15	--	2
Simplex No. 10	" 15	--	1
Edward No. 10	" 15	--	7
Light Houses No. 6	" 13	--	11

INDIAN WAR LOAN.

BOMBAY POST OFFICE SECTION.

Bombay, April 23rd.

	Rs.
Cash Certificates	4,874-12
Total up-to-date	27,41,254-8



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CHAPTER I.

AN OLD WORLD FORTRESS AND SOME LOVE.

Lady Vera gently withdrew her hand. "It is too hot to walk hand in hand," she said, "and besides—"

"And besides what?" he asked quickly.

"Well, we are not engaged."

An eager look came into Hugh Vereker's boyish face, and he tried to get her hand again.

"But why not, dear," he urged, "why not be engaged to be married to me?"

Vera blushed a little, and answered him smiling:

"In the first place, father says I am too young to think of getting married, and in the second I don't want to be engaged, I want to see a little of the world first."

Hugh wrinkled his dark brows and sighed. "It strikes me, Vera," he said rather bitterly, "that you will not see much of the world in this dust-hole of a place." He waved his hand in the direction of the long stone buildings of the Governor's Palace.

"Don't you say anything against the Citadel," she answered quickly. "I love it and Cairo too."

"Oh, so do I, for the matter of that, Saladin's Harem and the gardens and the old Palace are just top-hole, but one can't exactly live on old palaces and harems and such like, one wants to see a little of one's fellow-creatures outside."

His face lighted up, boyish as it was, in the prime of young manhood, yet there were hard lines about it, the residue of the Mons retreat and a wound.

Vera became meditative, and leant over the stone breast-work of the rampart on which they were walking.

"If it hadn't been for the war, Hugh," she said meditatively "you would have been still at Sandhurst."

"Then good luck to the war, for I was fed up with it, besides I should have gone into the Brigade in any case in a month or two; they were short of officers."

She turned to him with sparkling eyes and would have given him a sharp answer, but there came a diversion; that peculiar buzzing in the air which denotes an aeroplane.

They both turned their eyes skywards.

"There she is," cried Vera, pointing to what looked like a gnat flying high in the rose-tinted sky—"he's well up, isn't he?"

Hugh shaded his eyes, and followed the machine's flight. "I believe it is Arthur Blake," he said, "he is about the only pilot that chooses that altitude for an ordinary flight, and just listen to his engines, too."

"It is something to be able to fly through the air like that," she murmured.

"You talk as if we were in a prison," he answered.

"Well, it is not much better," she said with a look round the old grey walls of the fortress. "Father is no doubt right in thinking that Cairo is no place for young girls, but still he might let me go out sometimes with a chaperon. There is Mrs. Bathurst."

Hugh laughed.

"The General would as soon let you roam Cairo with the Sheik of the Mosque over there as with that worldly-minded young married lady."

"They say widowers with only daughters are always like that," she replied rather bitterly, "but at times I get quite desperate, and have had serious thoughts of running away out of the Main Gate."

"Why don't you?" he asked mischievously! "with me?"

She laughed.

"Why not indeed," she answered derisively.

"I have a much better suggestion than that to make," he said.

She looked up at him inquiringly.

"What is it?"

He fingered the double buttons of his Guard's jacket nervously, and then seemed to take a plunge:

"How would you like to see Cairo by night?" he asked.

Vera's large blue eyes opened wider.

"Hugh," she said rather icily, "what are you talking about? Don't you know that a General's aide-de-camp is supposed to take care of his family, and not invite his only daughter to undertake midnight excursions in Cairo?"

Vera stopped and drew herself up against the low wall of the rampart with all the dignity of her nineteen summers. There was a twinkle in Hugh's eyes as he approached her humbly, but his glance was all admiration. He, however, did the worst thing he could have done for his cause under the circumstances, he placed his arm round her waist.

"How dare you!" she drew herself away from him with a jerk. He was her abject slave now as indeed he always was, as he clasped his hands and asked pardon.

"Do forgive me, Vera dear," he pleaded, "it was quite an accident, and really for the moment I didn't know what I was doing. I thought you were in a dangerous position near that low wall."

Despite an effort to keep serious she burst out laughing.

"You are a humbug, Hugh," she said presently. "Why you have seen me walk on the top of the wall, haven't you?"

"Yes," he answered submissively, "and I was in an agony of mind all the time."

They moved away towards the Governor's Palace.

"You misunderstood me just now, Vera" Hugh said presently. "What I had in my mind is this, that you and I should do the Caliph Haroun Alraschid business, and go out and see something of the streets of Cairo by night, as neither of us knows very much about them."

"I don't," she answered, "at any rate. But how could we carry out such a preposterous proposal even if it were possible?"

He gave her a superior smile as he answered:

"If it were a question of walking out of the Main Gate together it would be impossible, but suppose I have found another way out?"

"Then I should say that must be impossible, because father prides himself that when the Main Gate is shut we are absolutely cut off from Cairo."

Hugh's smile was even more superior.

"Then the General is not acquainted with the subterranean wonders of the Citadel. Old Hartington, the Sapper, took me down there the first week I arrived, and then I went down and prospected on my own account with an electric torch."

"Was it very dreadful?"

'No, more interesting than dreadful. There is a little walk under the ramparts with one side open to the air, a kind of cloister, and then you come to the little iron-studded gate in the wall. The gate is a good deal more rotten than it looks. I got my jack knife under the lock and it lifted right away from the woodwork."

"What happened then?" she asked with eager eyes.

"I pulled the door open, and found myself outside the walls."

Vera looked at him and pursed her red mouth.

"It's no good, Hugh, I shan't come."

"Oh, but you will, dear, it would be such sport. Fancy you dressed as a Turkish lady with a silk hood, a yashmak and all complete."

The prospect seemed alluring, but she shook her fair head. "I intend to wear the uniform of a Gippy officer, with a red fez and all that," Hugh added.

"What put all this in your hot head, Hugh?" she asked.

"I thought it all out for myself. In fact, Vera if it hadn't been for you, I should have escaped down a rope over the ramparts and fled long ago. It is rather hard of the General, practically confining us to barracks every night. That is what it amounts to."

Vera's eyes sparkled.

"Father says Cairo is no place for boys," she remarked mischievously.

"Boys!" Hugh exclaimed indignantly. "I wonder what Lord Mellingborough calls twenty-one!"

Vera put her hand on his arm and changed the subject.

"Do you really think a white lace yashmak across the lower part of my face would look becoming?"

Hugh knew that her lovely eyes were perhaps the greatest fascination in her beautiful young face, and Vera herself was well aware of that fact.

"You would look ravishing," he answered fervently as he was expected to do.

There came a great buzzing in the air, and they both looked upwards to the clear sky reddened by the last rays of the setting sun. Seven planes flying high were coming towards them.

"They look like a flight of homing pigeons," Vera said.

In the middle of the parade they stopped as the whirr of a motor came to them through the Main Gate. A few minutes later a long gray Service car shot into the parade, and made for the Governor's House.

"Why there's Blake of the R. F. C.," he ejaculated. "I wonder what's up."

As he spoke the car stopped and a tall, dark officer in the uniform of the Royal Flying Corps, came towards them and saluted Lady Vera.

"The General has been kind enough to ask me to dinner to-night," he said, "so I am afraid you will be afflicted with my company."

Vera did not look as if the prospect particularly affrighted her, and she gave him her hand.

"Was that you," she asked, "that we saw flying over just before sunset?"

"Yes, I was in a hurry to get back to dine with you. I think I saw you on the ramparts, did I not, with this officer?"

Vera coloured a little and turned to Vereker.

"I quite forgot," she said; "let me introduce you to Captain Blake of the R. F. C."

CHAPTER II.

A WARTIME DINNER PARTY.

General the Marquess of Mellingborough was a soldier of what now stands for the Old School. That is to say he was a Guardsman who had entered the service about the year 1875. As Lord Verecourt (his father's second title), he had been celebrated for his extremely glossy collars. "Shiny" Verecourt, or more often "Shiny" had been his pet sobriquet in the Brigade, through which he had run his usual course, including a few months at the Staff College. From that he had steadily risen to his present rank, aided by services in the various little wars he had taken part in. Now, he was a "dug-out" full General of nearly seventy, pitchforked into the comfortable sinecure of Military Governor of Cairo, and his abode was in the ancient Citadel, a place of much dust, and odds and ends of antiquities, but negligible as a fortress. Still the position was an important one, and the General fitted it like a glove. In appearance he might have been one of those old Crusaders, the opponents of the very Saladin who built the Palace of the Citadel, and kept his ladies in the marble-paved Seraglio across the Parade Ground, where his alabaster staircase, much patched, could be seen any day.

Lord Mellingborough was tall and thin and straight, and it was from him that his fair-haired daughter, inherited her fine blue eyes. "Soldier's blue," as the old General called them.

Lady Mellingborough, who like her husband had married late in life, died soon after Vera's birth, therefore the old Lord's only child was, as a natural sequence, as the apple of his aforesaid soldier's blue eye.

By the time that Captain Blake had parted with Vera and Hugh the General himself had arrived.

He came forward with extended hand.

"Glad to see you, Blake, you are punctuality itself, and it's the quality I admire most in a young soldier."

Blake bowed, and they sat together on a low ottoman near the great window overlooking the parade.

"In my young days," the Marquess continued, "when you went to dine with a G.O.C. you had to be there a quarter of an hour before the 'scheduled' time, but now they drop in anyhow."

"General Miggs, Major Fallon, my Lord," announced the dragoman, in perfect English, and General Miggs followed him into the room with his General Staff Officer (or G.S.O.) in close attendance.

The incoming General greeted the Governor, had Blake presented to him, and then they all sat down again on the ottoman: General Miggs cleaned his eye-glass, while Major Fallon discoursed of last Saturday's Race Meeting at the Sporting Club.

But they did not sit long as a regular stream of dinner guests came up the big staircase, including two or three more General Officers and their ladies, one with a couple of daughters as well, who all came in together with Lady Vera in the midst of them, making herself agreeable to everyone. Hugh Vereker lounged in as a matter of course, being one of the Governor's Staff, and consequently one of his family circle. There was the usual buzz of conversation, and then the gorgeous dragoman announced dinner.

"Funny thing to be dinin' in this kit, isn't it," remarked General Miggs, as he and Blake sat down on either side of Vera. "Who'd have thought of it two years ago!"

"I'm sure you all look very nice," remarked Vera. "I never cared much about those scarlet mess jackets at any time." Hugh Vereker sat opposite, and glowered upon the proceedings, he did not approve of Blake sitting next to Vera and wondered how it had been managed.

Arthur Blake looked up from his entrée, and met Vera's blue eyes.

"Are you going to the Sporting Club on Saturday?" she asked. "I hear there will be some good racing."

He answered her question with another.

"Are you going?"

"Yes, we are all going. Father loves horses."

"Then I shall go," added Blake with a smile.

Vera changed the subject, but her fair skin showed a heightened colour.

"Do you really like flying?" she asked.

"I simply love it. I took out my pilot's certificate before the war, and I started in at the game at once. It was rather different from a cavalry regiment."

"So I should think. If they admitted girls I think I should go into the Flying Corps myself."

"Have you been up?"

"Yes, but only once and that was at Hendon."

"Did you like it?"

"Yes, I loved it. I thought it was the most beautiful sensation possible. I should like to go again, but I have never had the chance."

General Migg's voice broke their conversation, he was talking to the Marquess.

"My Corps Commander suits me down to the ground," he continued, "his notions and mine about leave, exactly tally, and we can generally manage a day off, by putting our heads together. Oh! he's a regular top-hole chap, there's no doubt about it."

The picturesque white-robed, red-fezzed servants were moving about with ices, and Arthur Blake was in the midst of a very pleasant talk with Vera, when a dragoman entered hurriedly and handed Lord Mellingborough a note.

The General read it and immediately arose.

"I regret to inform you, ladies and gentlemen, that there is an enemy air raid over Cairo," he said.

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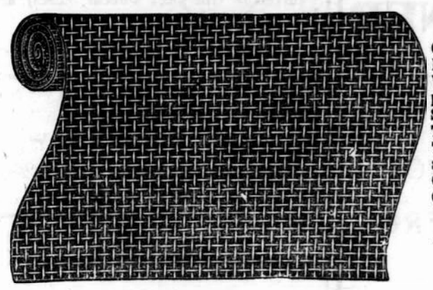

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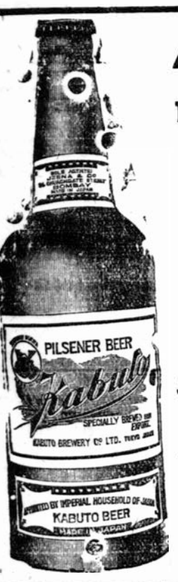

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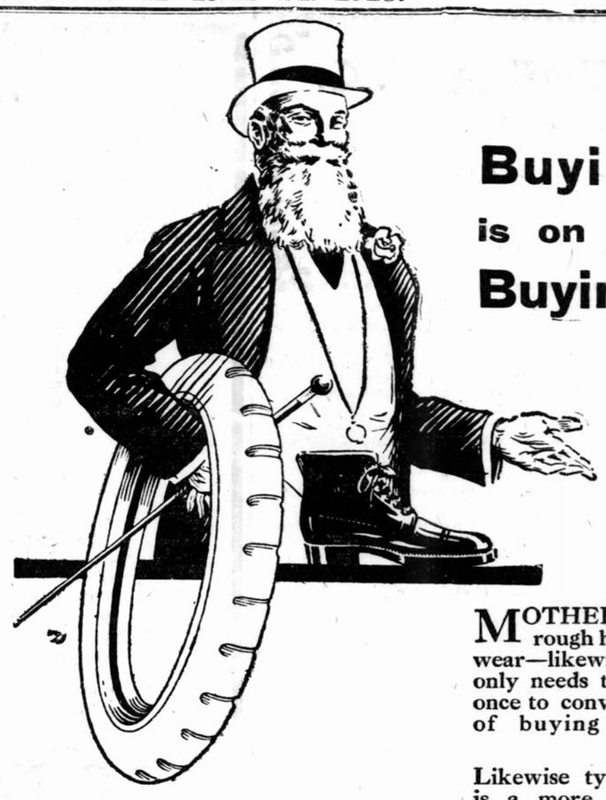

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